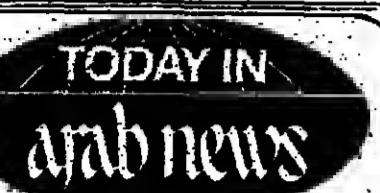


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Russia spurns Israeli offer

BEIRUT, Feb. 6 (AP) — A visiting Soviet official was quoted Sunday as rejecting the idea of a dialogue with Israel unless the Jewish state gives back occupied Arab territories "including Lebanon."

In an interview with the English-language weekly magazine, *Monday Morning*, Karen Brutens was asked about a Jan. 28 call from Israeli Defense Minister Ariel Sharon for Soviet-Israeli talks.

"This is not the first time that Gen. Sharon tries, in his own peculiar way to play the so-called Soviet card," said Brutens, deputy chief of international department in the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee.

"I don't think he can seriously raise this matter in the present situation with Israel pushing ahead with its aggressive policy," said Brutens. "We have stated on many occasions that we would welcome normal relations with Israel as soon as it abandoned its policy of aggression and expansion toward its neighbors."

He added that "our condition for normal relations with Israel is that it withdraws all its forces from the occupied Arab territories including Lebanon."

The Israeli defense minister said in an interview with daily *Moscow newspaper* last month "I would prefer that the Soviets exchange words with us rather than sending missiles" to Syria.

150 hurt in Dhaka as students clash

DHAKA, Feb. 6 (AP) — Police watched as rival student factions wielding iron rods, bamboo sticks and bricks fought a 90-minute battle on Dhaka's streets Sunday morning that left more than 150 persons injured, officials said.

Doctors at Dhaka Medical College Hospital said they admitted 44 students, five of them with serious head injuries. They said they treated and released another 110 students.

Officials said no arrests have been reported so far.

Nigeria finds it hard to fill the void after expelling Ghanaians

LAGOS, Feb. 6 (R) — "Situations vacant" notices are going up throughout Nigeria as employers try to replace hundreds of thousands of West Africans expelled as illegal aliens (Related story on page 17).

The popular government announcement Jan. 17 giving illegal aliens — estimated to number up to two million — 14 days to leave has opened vast numbers of jobs to Nigerians.

More foreigners still must leave. The government, under pressure from federal departments and nationalized industries heavily reliant on skilled aliens allowed such workers an extra month to go home.

The number remaining is unknown, though many employers suggest there are relatively few who decided to hold on until the last minute. The concession came a week after the first announcement and it appeared by then that most skilled workers had already left or been sacked.

Yemeni leader commences visit

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — North Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh arrived here Sunday on a state visit for talks with King Fahd on mutual issues and those of Arab interest.

In a departure statement at Sanar Airport, President Ali was quoted as saying that his country needed aid from friendly countries for reconstruction of the areas devastated by an earthquake which killed 3,000 persons and destroyed several towns and scores of villages last year.

The country sustained a loss officially estimated at \$3 billion with the result that its entire five-year development plan may have to be revised to allocate funds for reconstruction.

On arrival here, President Ali said that the visit comes within the framework of ongoing mutual consultations. "This is an opportunity to consult with King Fahd about various issues of bilateral and Arab concern," he said.

These will include the need for greater Arab solidarity and putting an end to the Gulf war involving Iraq and Iran and strengthening the Palestinian cause.

Saudi Arabia has already donated SR100 million to help the Yemeni government tide over the immediate needs of the earthquake victims. It has also dispatched material assistance and ordered a nationwide fund-raising campaign to keep the aid flowing.

The Kingdom provides Yemen with annual budgetary support to the tune of SR340 million and undertakes extensive projects to build hospitals, schools, roads and tube wells. It also pays the salaries of Arab teachers serving in Yemeni schools, and places Yemeni students in universities here and abroad at its own expense.

President Ali said his country was grateful to the Kingdom for the "positive role" it played to alleviate the misery caused by the earthquake, the most damaging in the country's history.

Seoul assured U.S. arms

SEOUL, Feb. 6 (R) — U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz pledged continued military support for South Korea after arriving in Seoul Sunday amid increased tension with the north over giant U.S.-South Korean maneuvers.

Shultz, who flew in from Peking on the third leg of an Asian tour, had a 90-minute meeting with Foreign Minister Lee Bum-Suk and planned to meet President Chun Doo Hwan Monday.

The secretary reassured Mr. Lee of U.S. security support for his country." State Department spokesman John Hughes said. Shultz be added, told Lee the United States prized and valued the relationship with South Korea.

Shultz's visit coincides with annual U.S.-South Korean military exercises in the south involving 188,000 troops, including 70,000 U.S. Army, Navy, Marine and Air Force personnel.

Shultz responded to the 10-week exercises by putting his armed forces on a semi-war footing and assessing the United States of preparing for a new war in Korea.

Zhao to visit U.S. this year

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — The White House belatedly announced Saturday that Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang would visit the United States this year to meet with President Ronald Reagan, but made no mention of Zhao's public invitation for a reciprocal visit by the U.S. president.

In a brief written statement that followed by more than 24 hours Zhao's own announcement of the impending visit, White House said "the president has invited Premier Zhao Ziyang of the People's Republic of China to make an official visit to the United States in 1983. The premier has accepted the invitation and will meet with the president on a date to be mutually agreed upon." Zhao's trip is expected to be in June or September.

One administration official, speaking on condition he not be named, said he doubted Reagan would pay a return visit to China in this term.

Deputy White House Press Secretary Lyndon Allin, when asked if Reagan would accept Zhao's invitation, said there are no plans at this time for him to do so.

China said Sunday the sensitive problem of Taiwan remained unsolved after a visit to Peking by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz.

The official New China News Agency quoted unnamed Chinese leaders as saying: "Unless this problem is resolved mutual trust between China and the United States is out of the question and bilateral relations cannot possibly develop on a stand basis."

The officials said Italian Foreign Minister

Shultz acknowledged to reporters earlier that the issue may increase tension but said the exercises had been long planned and North Korea had been informed well in advance.

On Monday, Shultz will fly by helicopter to the demilitarized zone dividing North and South Korea and visit two military camps. Hughes said the secretary and Lee agreed that \$140 million appropriated by Congress to support U.S. military sales to South Korea was not satisfactory.

The Reagan administration had asked for \$210 million and Hughes said it would be sending Congress a supplementary bill to make up the difference. During Sunday's talk there was a brief reference to the re-emergence of a proposal for "cross-recognition" of the two Koreas, Hughes said.

Under the plan first suggested in 1975 by then Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, the Soviet Union and China would recognize the South and the United States and Japan would recognize the North. The idea was rejected by Pyongyang. Hughes said Shultz and Lee agreed the idea needed further study.

The two men also discussed two topics related to Shultz' Peking talk that ended Saturday: the question of Chinese textile exports to the U.S. and American commitments on Taiwan.

The United States imposed unilateral import quotas on Chinese textiles last month after the two sides failed to reach a joint agreement. South Korea is also an important textile exporter to the United States.

Bush trip marks policy shift

ROME, Feb. 6 (R) — U.S. Vice President George Bush relaxed Sunday at the end of the first week of a seven-nation West European tour which has already been marked by indications of significant shifts in U.S. arms control policy.

Bush began his three-day visit, the longest of the tour, with a statement Saturday night that U.S. relations with Italy had never been stronger and a firm affirmation of Washington's readiness to amend its "zero option" proposal.

The zero option, to which Washington had previously shown a rigid commitment, would involve the cancellation of NATO plans to deploy 572 U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in return for the scrapping of some 600 Soviet SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 rockets.

Officials said Sunday they saw Bush's reiteration here of his remarks in Geneva that the zero option was not a "take-it-or-leave-it proposition" as an important shift in U.S. policy.

Moscow has repeatedly rejected the zero option, and leading Italian and West German politicians have recently suggested there could be some intermediate stage toward this goal.

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Jeddah citizens express love, loyalty to Fahd

By Hussein Dakroob
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — A huge felicitation ceremony took place Saturday night when officials here honored King Fahd during special ceremonies held at the King Abdul Aziz International Airport.

The ceremony was attended by ministers, princes, members of the diplomatic corps and senior civil and military officials. Thousands of Jeddah citizens came to express their love and loyalty to King Fahd. The ceremony was highlighted by speeches and poems praising King Fahd's support for development plans throughout the Kingdom and his efforts to achieve Arab and Muslim solidarity. It was followed by a dinner party.

King Fahd arrived at 8:50 p.m. at the Haj Terminal to attend the ceremony. He was accompanied by Crown Prince Abdullah, the deputy premier and commander of the National Guard and Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation. King Fahd was welcomed by Prince Abdullah Al-Faisal, Minister of Foreign Affairs Prince Saud Al-Faisal, the acting Governor of Makkah Prince Saud ibn Abdul Mohsin, and a number of senior officials.

Ismail Abu Dawood, the chairman of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry, presented to King Fahd a copy of the Holy Qur'an on behalf of the citizens as an expression of their love and loyalty to their king and their adherence to the Qur'an.

The ceremony started with a recitation from the Holy Qur'an. Later, greeting King Fahd on behalf of Jeddah citizens, Abu Dawood highlighted the most prominent projects which have been implemented in Jeddah.



WELCOMING FESTIVITIES: Some of the festivities which took place on Saturday night to welcome King Fahd to Jeddah are shown here. Above, citizens greet the King with posters and slogans. Below, dancers perform traditional Arab ceremonies.

dah, including the King Abdul Aziz International Airport, "which was one of the most outstanding projects that bring pride to all the citizens of the Kingdom."

Abu Dawood praised King Fahd's support for the development plans in Jeddah and the industrial achievements made throughout the Kingdom. He conveyed the citizens' pride in King Fahd's efforts to rally the ranks of the Arabs and Muslims.

Later, Dr. Muhammad Ali Otahtan, the acting mayor of Jeddah, noted that because of royal patronage, "Jeddah has been transformed into a center of modern civilization with the building of road networks and long flyovers." Dr. Otahtan presented a shield to King Fahd as expression of love and loyalty of the citizens of Jeddah.

Later, King Fahd attended the dinner hosted in his honor by the citizens of Jeddah.

In the meantime, Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that King Fahd's regular meetings with his people all over the Kingdom reflect the king's keenness to meet people and closely get acquainted with their needs and future aspirations.

In a statement to *Okaa* newspaper, Dr. Yamani said, "The strong cohesion shown during King Fahd's recent meetings with the citizens of Jeddah, Makkah, Yanbu, Madinah and Riyadh is not at all surprising in view of the close relations existing between the leader and the people and the citizens' loyalty toward the leadership and their awareness of the Kingdom's responsibility toward the Arab and Islamic nation."

He added that King Fahd's upcoming visits to other parts of the Kingdom also demonstrated the king's pledge to ensure the country's welfare and progress as well as restore Arab and Islamic solidarity.



ROYAL RECEPTION: King Fahd is shown here during Saturday night ceremonies which were held in his honor at the King Abdul Aziz International Airport. Left, the King welcomes officials to the reception. Right, the King talks with Jeddah officials including, center, Jeddah Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chairman Ismail Abu Dawood.

Electricity exhibition opens; over 250 firms participating

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — The Middle East Electricity and Electronics Exhibition, one of the largest and most comprehensive fair of this type in the Middle East, was inaugurated Saturday evening by General Electricity Corporation Governor Engineer Mahmoud A. Taiba at the Jeddah Expo Center. It will remain open through Feb. 9.

Over 250 internationally known companies from various countries are displaying their latest sophisticated products in the exhibition which is organized jointly by Al-Harithy Company of Jeddah and Fairs and Exhibitions Limited of London. It is spread over an area of nearly 5,000 square meters.

"The exhibition is important to both consumers and producers in relation to the Kingdom's overall Five-Year Development Plan," Taiba said. "I have seen many exhibits that impressed me, particularly in the field of power generation, distribution and transmission."

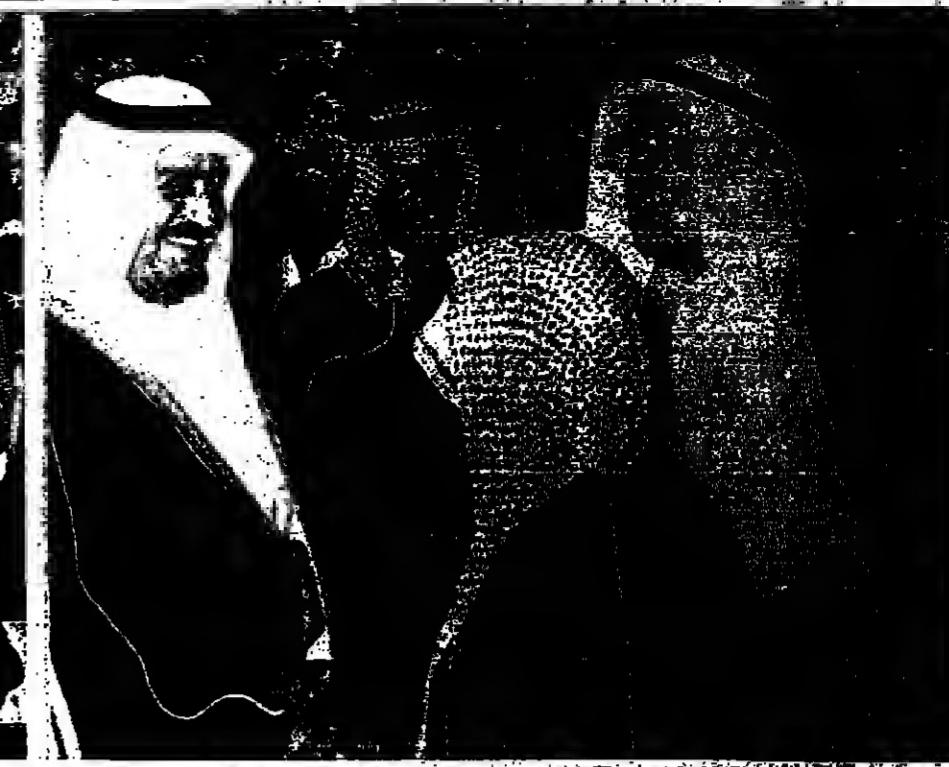
Among the participants, a West German group of companies forms the largest national group with 85 companies displaying their products, followed by Britain with a 46 company group organized by British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers' Association. Twenty-four companies from France and 22 companies from the United States are participating in the show in addition to various companies from Saudi Arabia, the Netherlands, Canada, Sweden, Spain, Austria, Norway and Italy.

Westinghouse of Saudi Arabia Business Development Director W. R. Lackey said his company is participating in the rapid development of the Kingdom through major projects, product exports, in-country manufacturing and industrial services. The participation, which began in the '40s, has

increased dramatically in the past decade. It has three partnerships in the Kingdom. Westinghouse Electricity Supply Company of Saudi Arabia (WESCOA), Industry Services Company of Saudi Arabia (ISCOA) and Mexico Systems and Services Company Ltd. (WEXICO). Nearly 1,000 employees are working in these companies in the Kingdom, he added.

Arabia Electric Limited general manager and senior director of Siemens AG International Operation, Axel Graderer said his company has carried out many power engineering, telecommunication and power distribution projects in the Kingdom. Siemens employs nearly 300,000 people in its worldwide operations, he added.

A Dutch firm, Royal Bellfoundry Petit and Fritsen, has for the first time introduced a musical bell system in the Kingdom. Its Vice President H.M.H.P. Fritsen said it is very useful for shopping centers, public parks and private gardens. His company is exporting the system to the United States, Japan and Scandinavian countries.



TOURING THE EXHIBITION: After Saturday night's opening of the Middle East Electricity Exhibition at the Al-Harithy Center Mahmoud A. Taiba toured the show and viewed the many exhibits.

Malaysian trade delegation arrives Feb. 10 to boost exports to Kingdom

By Habib Rahaman
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — Malaysia, whose exports to Saudi Arabia accounted for only 0.8 percent of the Kingdom's total imports in 1981, is sending an 11-member trade delegation on a 10-day visit to the Kingdom to seek a wider market for its goods.

The group, led by Ahmad Phamry Abdur Rahaman, deputy director of the Trade Division at the Ministry of Trade and Industry, will arrive in Riyadh on Feb. 10. After two days' stay they will come to Jeddah.

Abdul Rahim Mokti, trade commissioner at the Malaysian Embassy, told *Arab News* that group members will hold talks with officials of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry, leading businessmen and importers. The members represent a wide range of industries like foodstuffs, spices, palm oil, canned pineapple, textiles, timber products, rubber products and air-conditioners.

The delegation's visit is sponsored by the Trade and Industry Ministry in conjunction with the European Economic Community.

Mokti said Saudi Arabia is Malaysia's top trading partner in the West Asia with total



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Mazda 626 series to be introduced tomorrow

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — Mazda's senior officials are arriving here Monday to attend the introduction Tuesday of the Japanese company's latest 626 series, according to Saeed Ahmad, general manager (commercial vehicles) of Haji Husein Alireza & Co. Ltd., Mazda's exclusive distributor in the Kingdom.

Ahmad said that the Toyo Kogyo, manufacturing Mazda vehicles, will be represented by its senior official Takashi Abe and three other officials — T. Haraguchi, T. Sudo and M. Watanabe — and C. Ito, the exporting company of Mazda vehicles, by its Managing Director Hideo Suetaga and I. Shibata.

The Japanese delegation will be received by the local company's managing director, Husein Alireza, and director, Hasan A. Abu Hasan. The delegation will visit Riyadh Wednesday and return home the next day.

Ahmad said that the 626 series, including the five-door Hatchback, won the coveted annual Japanese Car of the Year Award from a competing field of 41 domestic models entered at the recently held Tokyo Motor Show.

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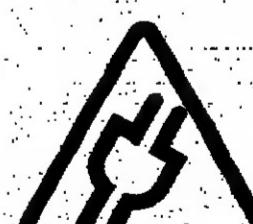
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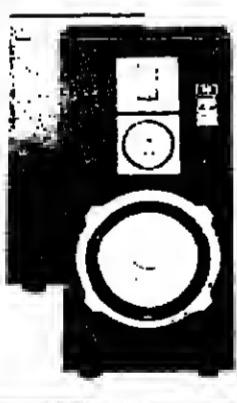
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Indian on global tour, pedals through Kingdom

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

RIYADH, Feb. 6 — Around the world by bicycle of transport seems to be the "in" these days. Following the recent London-Jeddah car drive by a physically handicapped Briton, a young Indian, pedaling his way from Kuwait on a bicycle, has arrived here, on the second leg of his global tour.

Antony, Chadei Antony Paul, 25-year-old black belt holder from Bangalore, the capital city of India's southern Karnataka state,

state, started on the two-year bicycle world tour with his elder brother Peter, 26, in May 1982, but Peter is no longer with him. He returned home recently after he sustained skull injuries in a road accident in Kuwait. A car knocked him down in the husky area between Farwania and Khaitan on a cold Dec. 22.

"The purpose of the global tour is to see all the important and beautiful places, meet people of different countries and study their lifestyles, know more about the self-defense sports, and compile the travelogue in the form of a book," Antony Paul told Arab News.

He said he and his brother embarked on the adventure because of the encouragement given by V. Ramakrishnan, a philanthropist and managing director of Sri Ramakrishna Steel Industries of Coimbatore in India's southern Tamil Nadu state. "The company has sponsored several such adventures by sportsmen in the past," Antony explained.

After pedaling 5,000 kilometers throughout our India, the Paul brothers flew to Sharjah, altering their earlier plan to pedal via Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq for want of the visas, Antony said. Again, since no visa was available for Qatar, they had to fly from Dubai to Kuwait after touring all the Emirates for nearly a month he added.

The 3,600 kilometers of pedaling from Kuwait to Ras-Al-Kafji, a border town in the Kingdom, and from there to Dammam, to Riyadh and to Jeddah were smooth, Antony said adding: "The Saudi Arabian cities are fascinating. I had earlier known them to be full of deserts and camels."

Antony said he found the pedaling from Dammam to Riyadh a tiresome affair since there was nothing but sand all along. "The pleasant surprise for me is the cultivation in sand that I saw on my way," he remarked.

Antony said he will now sail to Cairo by the El Arish Express of Red Sea Ferry of Yousef bin Ahmad Kanoo who has offered him a free lift and assistance. From there, he will move on to Luxor, come back to Cairo and continue his travel to Alexandria, Greece, Italy, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, all the Scandinavian countries, the United Kingdom, Canada, North and South America and return home via Asian countries.

"In Europe I want to learn about health, food, massage and more about self-defense sports. In Japan, Hong Kong and Korea, I would like to learn more about the karate and other self-defense sports which I am fond of and devoted to," he added.

A robust Antony, who had a brief stint as an actor in South Indian feature films, said his global tour will take him through 70 countries before his return to India by the middle or end of 1984. "I have been carrying mostly sandwiches and water during the course of my travel which is financed through voluntary contributions and blessed by well-wishers," he said.

Disgusted with routine life centered on "birth, worldly pleasures and death," in T.S. Elliot's words, Antony decided to deviate from the beaten track to acquire first-hand knowledge of the world that he has read in textbooks and quench the thirst for doing something different and adventurous.

Born and bred Bangalore, Antony has his roots in the South Indian Kerala state since his parents belong to Trichur district. After his formal education in the St. Aloysius College in Bangalore, this winner of the inter-university best junior physique prize became a professional karate instructor.

"Ultimately, I want to start my own school for karate, body-building, health club, etc." Antony remarked. "After all, health is wealth."

Prince Talal confers with UNICEF officials on new Gulf programs

RIYADH, Feb. 6 (SPA) — Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, UNICEF special envoy and president of AGFUND, Saturday conferred with UNICEF officials on new programs due to be implemented in the Gulf region.

The meeting also discussed programs supporting development and financial Gulf organizations including AGFUND, the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

The officials, UNICEF's Deputy Executive Director Richard Jolly and Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa Dr. Charles Eager, met with Director-General for Technical Cooperation Abdul-Malek Farnash to discuss coordination among U.N. agencies in the implementation of child and mother welfare programs.

Baltimore Muslims appeal for donations

By Javid Hussain
Riyadh Bureau

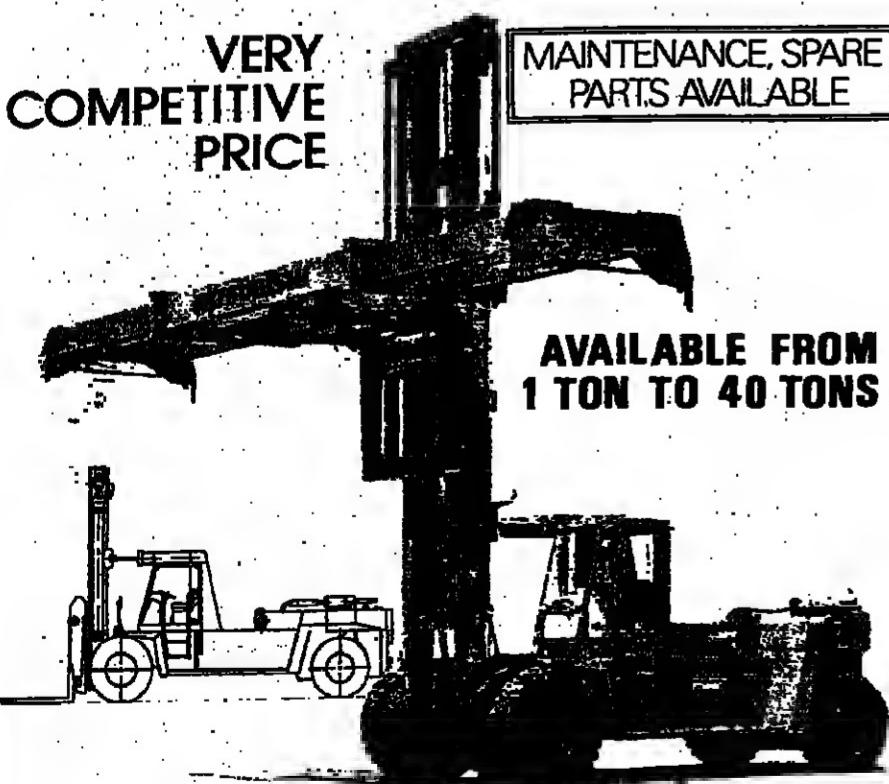
RIYADH, Feb. 6 — Arab and Asian families will benefit from a new mosque being built by the Islamic Society of Baltimore, Maryland according to a press note released here. Although construction on the mosque is now progressing, the release said the society has run out of funds for landscaping, interior finishing, carpeting and furnishings.

There are about 1,000 Muslim families said to be living in the Baltimore area composed of Palestinians, Syrians, Egyptians, Pakistanis and Indians. The society conducts a school to promote Islamic education.

In its release, the society appealed to Saudi Arabians and other well-wishers to donate to help finance its work in Baltimore.

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Rules on clearing jewelry from Singapore are enforced



Ahmad Matar

Saudia's Taif meeting slated for Feb. 12

TAIF, Feb. 6 (SPA) — Saudia's national marketing meeting will be held here next Saturday under General Manager Capt. Ahmad Matar.

The three-day meeting will be attended by Capt. Matar's executive assistants and his aides for internal and external zones, the sales and marketing managers and the directors of Saudia branches at home and abroad.

During the meeting all of the company's future plans and the steps taken to develop and improve ground and air services will be discussed, as well as the standard of performance and operation.

Achievements in 1982, and Saudia's staff training program will also be reviewed.

Palace afforestation progressing at Obhor

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — Afforestation in front of King Fahd's palace at Obhor will be completed within nine days, Al-Madina reported. A spokesman for Jeddah Municipality said that 50,000 date palms were being planted near the palace. The spokesman also said that preparations are in full swing for the plant-a-tree week starting next month.

RIYADH, Feb. 6 — Regulations governing the clearance of jewelry from Singapore came into force in the Kingdom on Jan. 15. The new order, issued by the Ministry of Finance and National Economy, followed consultations between the Royal Embassy in Singapore and the Ministries of Commerce and Finance, according to Deputy Minister of Commerce for Civil Supplies Tawfiq Ibrahim Tawfiq, the latest issue of Saudi Business reports.

were finalized at the end of 1982," Tawfiq said.

Spelling out the provisions of the order, he said that as of Jan. 15, jewelry and precious stones shipped to the Kingdom from Singapore are not being cleared unless accompanied by a certificate of origin showing the carat quality of platinum, gold and silver, weight, value and hall marking.

The weight of precious stones, fixed on the jewels or separate, also has to be shown together with the type, description and value. The certificate has to be attested by the Kingdom's embassy in Singapore after examination of the documents.

The documents comprise: An order issued by the Saudi importer and letter of credit for the value which should be in conformity with the quality and type of goods, and an official certificate of analysis confirming the weights, types and carats and value and the official hallmark.

Precious stones are to be accompanied with a label for each stone showing laboratory confirmation of its type, description and value. Precious metal jewelry will not be cleared unless it conforms to the caratage allowed in the Kingdom as in the order issued by the minister of commerce.

Tawfiq said that goods imported by Saudi traders will not be cleared unless accompanied by certificates and conforming to the rules. The trader should be commercially registered as one dealing in precious metals and gem stones, he added.

Regarding the goods carried by foreign traders of Singapore nationality, he said, they are not cleared unless they fulfill the requirements. Further, they should have been imported according to the order of a Saudi trader having the commercial register for trading in precious metals and stones.



Gold market inspections to continue

JEDDAH, Feb. 6 — The quality control laboratory here plans to launch a thorough inspection campaign of gold markets in Makkah, Madinah and Taif, after the success it scored here as a result of which adulterated gold has completely disappeared, Okaz reported.

Laboratory Director Hussein Shazli Farhoud said that during the month of Rabie Ul Awwal (Dec. 16-Jan. 14) the laboratory received and examined 3,750 samples from the branches of the Commerce Ministry here and in Makkah and from the Environmental Health Department. It rejected 375.

At the same time, the laboratory is daily examining samples of locally produced frozen chicken. The laboratory has also notified Jeddah Islamic Port officials that imported frozen chickens have to be checked.

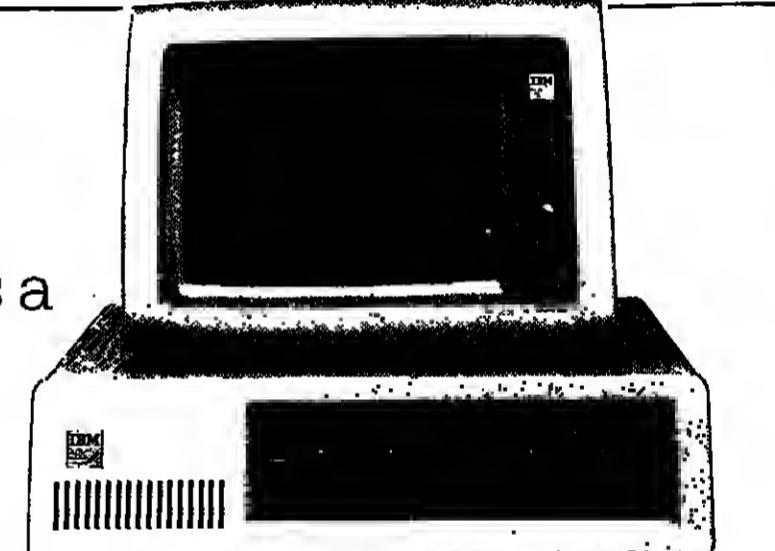
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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:35	12:36	12:07	11:54	12:18	12:48
Asr (Afternoon)	3:50	3:48	3:19	3:04	3:28	3:55
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:15	6:12	5:43	5:27	5:52	6:19
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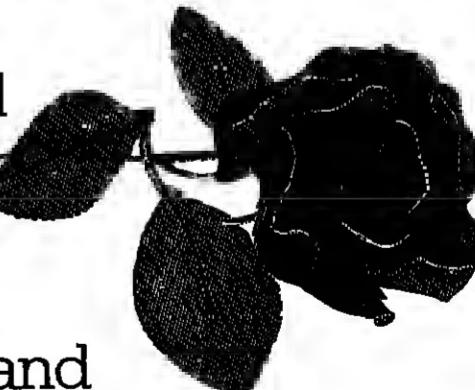


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POWs swap may take place in Austria

VIENNA. Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, currently visiting the United States, Saturday suggested an exchange of prisoners between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) may take place in Austria.

In interviews with Austrian reporters covering his American visit, Kreisky said his mission to mediate in the possible exchange began some three months ago.

The PLO is demanding the release of 5,500 Palestinians and Lebanese held in southern Lebanon, plus 1,000 prisoners in Israeli jails in exchange for eight captured Israeli soldiers. Khalil Wazir, deputy commander of the PLO, told the Associated Press in Damascus Friday.

Wazir, also known as Abu Jihad, also listed as a condition for the release of the eight Israelis held by the PLO and Syria, the return of the library of the Palestine Research Center in Beirut which was stolen by some Israeli officers.

Rabat, Dhaka sign accord

RABAT. Feb. 6 (AFP) — Morocco and Bangladesh signed a scientific and cultural cooperation agreement here Saturday.

Under the accord, which came during a four-day visit by Bangladeshi leader Hussein Muhammad Ershad, the two countries will exchange information and delegations.

While political sources here expected that Gen. Ershad's political talks with Moroccan leaders would center on the coming nonaligned summit in New Delhi and on the Middle East, the question of boosting trade between the two was also on the agenda. Commerce, mainly involving Moroccan phosphates and Bangladeshi jute, currently amount to only about \$6,500,000 annually.

Zia plans to meet Indira in March

ISLAMABAD. Feb. 6 (AP) — President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq said Saturday he will meet Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in New Delhi next month and try to resolve peacefully issues that have "bedeviled" uneasy relations between the two Asian neighbors.

Zia is expected to meet separately with Gandhi during the nonaligned summit that begins in New Delhi March 1.

The two countries are working toward normalizing relations that were soured by the 1971 Indian intervention in East Pakistan. East Pakistan broke away to become the independent nation of Bangladesh.

BRIEFS

BEIRUT. (R) — A Libyan-sponsored congress of Arab organizations has totally rejected the idea of any peace settlement with Israel. The official Libyan News Agency said the congress in Tripoli issued a communiqué Saturday night declaring "no truce, no negotiations, no recognition of the Zionist enemy."

RABAT. (R) — Morocco Saturday decided to expel the Rabat correspondent of the French newspaper *Le Monde*, Roland Delcourt, for writing an article which questioned the official version of the death of King Hassan's adviser.

KUALA LUMPUR. (AFP) — Oman may send its police officers to Malaysia for training, the Malaysian news agency Bernama reported Sunday. An Oman police delegation made the proposal when it called on Malaysian Police Inspector-General Tan Sri Haniff Omar here Sunday.

TEL AVIV. (R) — Mustafa Dudulin, head of Israeli-sponsored village leagues in the occupied West Bank, left Sunday for the United States on a visit that has been postponed several times because U.S. officials have refused to meet him.

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Austrian television quoted Interior Minister Erwin Lanz as saying Austria was prepared for such an exchange and had coped with bigger refugee problems in the past.

When word of ongoing negotiations between the two sides in the Lebanon war leaked first in December, Kreisky said he had been asked by families of Israeli prisoners to work for a possible exchange of prisoners. He said he agreed for "purely humanitarian reasons."

The Vienna daily *Kurier* quoted Kreisky as telling Austrian reporters in Washington "we will certainly not make the exchange fail because Austria refuses to take those people for a short while."

According to Kreisky's Press Secretary Wolfgang Petripsch, No decisions had yet been made on a date or place or even the number of prisoners to be exchanged. He said Kreisky considered his efforts at mediation an "extremely delicate" matter, and he would have made no comment had there not been reports from the Palestine Liberation Organization that Kreisky was involved in the negotiations.

Soviets urged to quit Kabul

ISLAMABAD. Feb. 6 (AFP) — Nepalese Premier Surya Bahadur Thapa called for an immediate end to foreign intervention in Afghanistan and Cambodia in speech at a banquet organized for him here by Pakistani president Muhammad Zia ul-Haq.

"We demand that all foreign forces be withdrawn from these countries," said Thapa, who arrived here from New Delhi Saturday on a three-day official visit.

This, he said, was based on Nepal's policy

of nonaligned and peaceful co-existence.

In an apparent reference to the anti-Phnom Penh coalition led by Prince Norodom Sihanouk, he said Katmandu believed the government represented at the United Nations was "the sole legal government" of Cambodia.

In his reply, Gen. Zia urged southern Asian countries to increase their efforts aimed at preserving peace and stability in the area.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 6 (R) — Dutch Foreign Minister Hans van den Broek begins a five-state Middle East tour this week during which he may have informal contacts with representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO).

Political sources said that the Dutch government hoped the ten-day trip would reassure Arab governments that the Netherlands was not one-sidedly pro-Israeli in its desire to contribute to the Middle East peace process.

Van den Broek arrives in Oman Tuesday and will also visit Jordan, Lebanon, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates.

The minister told parliament last week that while he would not seek a meeting with the PLO which the Netherlands does not recognize, he would not go out of his way to avoid one.

Political sources said Van den Broek would avoid any initiatives which could jeopardize a peace proposal put forward last September by President Reagan, calling for Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank and Gaza in association with Jordan.

Successive Dutch governments have said they saw only a limited role for European countries in the peace process.

The Dutch have welcomed the Reagan initiative but would like to see greater emphasis given to the question of Palestinian

self-determination, political sources said.

Foreign Ministry officials last week briefed the head of the recently established PLO information office in The Hague, Chazi Khouri, on Van den Broek's tour.

But political sources said there had been no change in the Dutch position that formal recognition of the PLO depended upon the Palestinians accepting Israel's right to exist.

They said the foreign minister's meetings with Jordanian and Lebanese leaders were likely to center on possible Palestinian involvement in peace negotiations.

In Lebanon, he will also visit the 800-strong detachment of Dutch troops serving with the United Nations peacekeeping force.

N. Yemen upgrades ties with Holland

SANA'A, Feb. 6 (R) — North Yemen upgraded its diplomatic relations with the Netherlands by naming its first ambassador to The Hague. It was announced.

The announcement Saturday said Muhammad Abdul Rahman Al-Ribai would be North Yemen's first ambassador in the Dutch capital.

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After 3 decades of fighting

Bogota peace panel confers with rebels

BOGOTA, Feb. 6 (AP) — Members of a peace commission named by President Belisario Betancur met for two days with commanders of a pro-Soviet guerrilla organization, the president's press office said Saturday.

It was the first time that any government representatives had met with leaders of the Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces since the insurgent organization began fighting 30 years ago, and appeared to be one of the most significant advances toward peace between the government and rebels in three decades of bloody fighting.

The three guerrilla commanders and four members of the 36-member peace commission signed a joint declaration agreeing to further meetings "to firm up peace programs and to stimulate proposals for social and economic change," the president's press office said.

Hopefully, members of the Colombian armed forces will attend future meetings with the guerrillas, the declaration reportedly said. Stopping short of saying they would stop fighting and apply for amnesty offered two and a half months ago by the government, the guerrilla commanders said in the signed declaration that they support the amnesty.

The rebel commanders were headed by Manuel Marulanda, nicknamed "Sureshot." Marulanda was one of the founders of the guerrilla organization 30 years ago and is the supreme commander. The other guerrilla commanders were Jaime Guaraca and Jacobo Arenas.

The Colombian Revolutionary Armed Forces, one of five leftist guerrilla organizations in Colombia, is the largest with about 2,000 men and women fighters spread among 19 units throughout Colombia, military in-

Malaysia plans to tighten drug prevention laws

KUALA LUMPUR, Feb. 6 (AFP) — The Malaysian government was Sunday reported to be planning stricter laws against drug trafficking, including a mandatory death sentence for trafficking in 25 or more grams of dangerous drugs.

Laws being contemplated also involved longer detention orders, seizure of financial assets acquired through drug trafficking, and telephone tapping. *The New Straits Times*, newspaper reported. At the same time, controls would be tightened on the import, distribution and export of acetic anhydride and related acids used in the conversion of morphine into heroin. The law now provides for the death penalty or life imprisonment for those convicted of trafficking in, or possession of, 100 grams or more of heroin or morphine.

The proposals were expected to go before parliament next month, the paper said. Laws on drug trafficking here have been revised several times to keep pace with the changing drug smuggling. A law covering the seizure of drug traffickers' assets would be a first for the region.

On Namibia

Cuellar denounces S. African tactics

HARARE, Feb. 6 (AFP) — United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar Saturday night vigorously denounced South Africa's stalling policy on Namibia and its "hostile acts aimed at destabilizing Zimbabwe's economy".

At a reception hosted by Zimbabwean Foreign Minister Witness Mangwende, the U.N. secretary-general deplored "the most regrettable delay in the implementation of resolution 435 (on Namibia)" but said "the quest for a peaceful settlement continues."

Harare was Cuellar's fourth stop on an eight-state African tour. He arrived here from Mozambique Saturday for a two-day visit and leaves later in the day for Botswana.

The secretary-general, who will visit all six

American's book awarded prize

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (R) — American historian Vincent Harding has won the \$10,000 Clarence Holte Prize for his scholarly and poetic synthesis of black American history, *There It's A River: The Black Struggle for Freedom in America*.

The prize, awarded here Friday night, was conceived by Jamaican literary scholar Cliff Lashley and created in honor of the 74-year-old Holte, the foremost contemporary collector of books on black history and culture. It is administered by the 21st Century Foundation in New York and given to a scholar every two years.

Harding, 52, is credited with helping to build an academic discipline out of a 1960's demand in the United States for university-level black studies. He teaches at the Iliff School of Theology at the University of Denver.

Turk, held for plotting to kill pope, charged with drug trafficking

MILAN, Feb. 6 (AP) — A local magistrate Saturday charged a Turk suspected of plotting to kill the pope with drug trafficking, but issued no charges for the alleged assassination attempt.

Magistrate Alberto Nobili made no comment about the purported plan to kill Pope John Paul II when he issued the arrest warrant for Mustafa Savas, a Turkish citizen.

Police said they found 400 grams of heroin in the Turk's car. Savas, 48, was also charged with "instigating delinquency," a catch-all charge issued against people suspected of engaging in a number of crimes.

gence sources have said in the past. The meeting between the insurgent commanders and the members of the peace commission was near the town of Colombia, about 160 kms south of the capital of Bogota, and in the state of Huila. The Bogota daily *El Espectador* said the meeting was "toward the end of last week."

The insurgent group has long said in leaflets left at sites of bank robberies, kidnappings, ambushes of army patrols and attacks on provincial towns that it is pro-Soviet in its ideology. The government offered full pardons to guerrillas last Nov. 19. Neither the government nor the armed force has said recently how many guerrillas have surrendered.

The last report was by a Bogota daily, *El Tiempo*, which said three weeks ago that 103 insurgents had turned themselves in and applied for amnesty. Colombian military intelligence sources say there are 2,500 guerrillas in Colombia. Leftist sources say there are about 5,000 armed rebels.

In a letter to the peace commission, Betancur made a dramatic appeal for more time for the amnesty program to have more positive results. Some congressmen, newspapers and even the defense minister, Gen. Fernando Landazabal, have sharply criticized the amnesty program, saying that the guerrillas are saying on the one hand they support it while on the other hand they continue their attacks. "With anguish, I hear voices that declare that if we don't achieve peace right now, with all of the combatants surrendering, there will remain just one way seen left — razing the violent zones," Betancur said in his letter.

Betancur said, "...The government is strong, and since it doesn't feel that it has to back the wall, it isn't inclined to chance its politics of peace for one of razing," he said. Peace can't be decreed, Betancur said. "It is something deeper, of a slow assimilation."

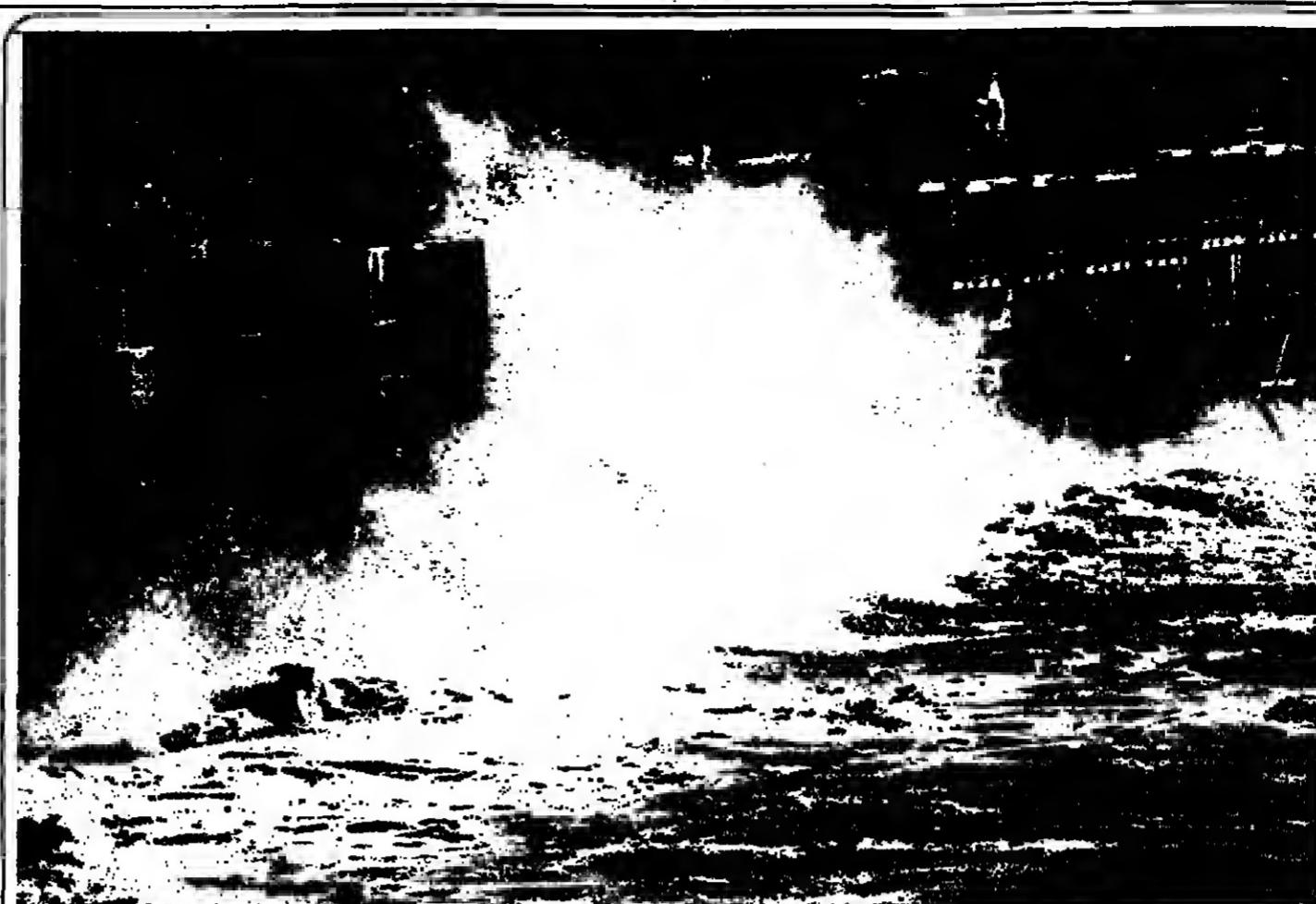
Meanwhile Colombia's attorney general said Saturday members of the armed forces are connected with Vigilante groups that have claimed responsibility for more than 30 murders in the last two years.

Attorney General Carlos Jimenez did not indicate in his report to President Betancur whether he felt the military men were acting under orders of superiors. Leftist groups have said and the military has denied that the armed forces are masterminding a death squad that calls itself MAS, the Spanish acronym for "death to kidnappers."

He did not indicate how many members of the armed forces were involved and what rank they had. Jimenez said he would reveal all when the people are charged.

The investigation by the attorney general's office came after three peasants accused of murder and of being members of MAS accused an army colonel of having organized, trained and equipped them. The attorney general said the Vigilante violence could not be attributed to a single group.

"The MAS is not, in my judgment, a national organization..." he said. "...It is the nickname that avengers, victims and witnesses of our stupefied society give to a certain type of crime that is an answer to a social, economic and political problem."



CALIFORNIA TIDAL WAVES: California was hit by a series of storms last week. The picture shows tidal waves engulfing an apartment building in Malibu, California. According to reports, several houses were destroyed.

Four agitators shot dead in Assam

NEW DELHI, Feb. 6 (R) — Police shot dead at least four persons and wounded several others in the northeastern state of Assam Saturday where tension was mounting in the run-up to elections later this month, the Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported.

The central government decided to send police reinforcements to help check growing unrest in which more than 12 persons have now died since Wednesday, PTI said four persons were killed and several others seriously injured when police fired on a crowd of 1,500 who attacked a police station in the town of Tangla, in central Assam. An indefinite curfew was later imposed on the town.

Bomb blasts and arson attacks were also reported during the past 24 hours from different parts of the troubled state along the

Brahmaputra Valley. Two of the bombs exploded Friday night in the Assam capital of Gauhati but no casualties were reported.

A major fire broke out Saturday night in Gauhati's public works offices and police said the chief engineer's building was gutted by suspected arson. An attempt was also made to set fire to a police radio station in the town. police added.

Assamese political and student groups have called for a boycott of the polls this month, demanding the removal from electoral rolls of illegal immigrants, mostly Bangladeshis, and their eviction from the state. Violence has mounted since Prime Minister Indira Gandhi announced elections early last month following the breakdown of talks on the immigrants issue between the government and Assamese militants.

Officially, the state has about one million illegal immigrants but the protesters say the figure is closer to 3.5 million. The government has said it is determined to press ahead with the poll. It decided Saturday to send 2,400 paramilitary police to join 2,000 heavily-armed men already posted from Delhi to quell the violence. The government has ruled out the use of the army, except that the whole investment climate in the state was threatened.

The ruling People's Action Party (PAP) recently revamped its structures, eliminating the grass-roots members from decision-making on the grounds that top party officials were fully aware of what lower party members wanted.

Torrential rains flood Peru towns

LIMA, Feb. 6 (AFP) — Torrential rains have flooded towns along northern Peru's Pacific coast, leaving 10 known dead and a number of persons missing, according to reports reaching here this weekend. The region had already been hit by rainstorms and mudslides last week.

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To knock out hardened targets

U.S. speeds up Trident 2 plan

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — The U.S. Navy plans to speed up procurement of its Trident 2 missile, the first submarine-launched ballistic missile accurate enough to knock out hardened targets, according to the annual report to Congress by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

The production schedule of the submarine to carry the missile, the New Ohio Class, remains unchanged at one a year. The navy has not said how many submarines it plans to buy. The first of those submarines already is sea armed with the earlier-model Trident 1 missile, known as the C-4 model.

Originally, the navy had planned to deploy the Trident 1 in the 10 Ohio-Class sub-

marines authorized so far, as well as in the 11th of that class for which it is seeking congressional authorization in the new budget for the 1984 fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

When the Trident 2 becomes available, estimated to start in December 1989, it was to have replaced the Trident 1 in those vessels. Now, Weinberger wants to put the Trident 2 in the ninth and subsequent submarines. "In addition to avoiding the cost of equipping these latest three Trident (submarines) to carry C-4 missiles, this procurement schedule will allow us to accelerate the introduction rate of Trident 2-equipped

submarines," Weinberger wrote. "We have reduced total Trident 1 procurement by 60 missiles," he said.

Weinberger's statement said the navy sought \$1.5 billion for Trident 2 development in the new fiscal year and \$2.1 billion plus \$140 million in initial production funds in 1985.

Meanwhile, a poll published Sunday by *The New York Times* and the CBS television network suggested that a growing number of Americans believe that the United States is no longer in a position of military inferiority to the Soviet Union.

Mount Helens eruption in 2 weeks forecast

VANCOUVER, Feb. 6 (AP) — Mount St. Helens is likely to erupt again within two weeks, scientists at Washington University and the U.S. Geological Survey said Saturday night.

The eruption could be explosive in nature, in view of recent explosive activity and gas emissions in the crater, the agencies said in a joint statement. "The rate of seismic energy release, gas emissions, deformation of the dome (building inside the crater) and the crater floor, and the glow from the dome have increased over the past week," according to the statement, an "extended outlook advisory."

"If current trends continue, an eruption will begin within the next two weeks, likely within the next week," the statement said. Chris Trisler, with the University of Washington geophysics program, said there appeared to be no immediate plans to evacuate nine or 10 workers from the Spirit Lake pumping project. "At present we do not anticipate an eruption that would jeopardize the Spirit Lake impoundment," the statement said.

Yugoslav official says Albania had ten purges

BELGRADE, Feb. 6 (AP) — A top Yugoslav official Saturday alleged there had been more than 10 purges in Albania since World War II, but one currently under way had much wider proportions.

Addressing a local Communist Party meeting at Djakovica in the southern Kosovo Province, Padilashidza, a member of Yugoslavia's collective presidency, said the current purge in Albania was the most serious internal crisis and the most violent mutual "squaring of accounts" ever.

He alleged the purge had enveloped the entire state and party leadership, testifying to "grave differences" in the tiny Balkan nation's internal and foreign policy, according to a report carried by the Yugoslav Tanjug news agency. Referring to a recent speech in Tirana by Albanian leader Enver Hoxha, the Yugoslav official said it was a contradiction and an irony for Hoxha to speak about "unbreakable unity of the Albanian people."

He said Hoxha had allegedly liquidated his prime minister and closest aide, Mehmet Shehu, arrested three leading ministers, removed more than half of all ministers and arrested or removed from power a series of high state and party officials. Official Albanian accounts said Shehu had committed suicide in December 1981.

Ex-CIA agent found guilty in arms case

HOUSTON, Feb. 6 (R) — A former Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agent was found guilty Saturday of conspiring to smuggle 20 tons of plastic explosives to Libya in 1977.

Edwin Wilson has already been sentenced to 15 years in prison for smuggling five guns to the North African country in 1979. He now faces a possible further jail sentence of 17 years. Federal prosecutors asked for Wilson to be declared "a special dangerous offender" and called for a prison sentence of at least 25 years.

During the two-week trial, a former U.S. Army demolitions expert who had been employed by Wilson testified that Wilson threatened to kill him and a federal prosecutor if he talked to the prosecutor.

Zimbabwe recalls envoy from Britain

HARARE, Feb. 6 (AFP) — Zimbabwe's High Commissioner (ambassador) to Britain Robert Zwinoira, criticized for spending over \$1 million on a house in London's elegant Mayfair district, has been recalled to Harare and is expected to arrive there Sunday, a Zimbabwean government spokesman said.

Zwinoira, 50, was condemned by a Zimbabwean parliamentary committee last week for buying the sumptuous house without authorization. An official report said the purchase had used up almost all the money earmarked to buy foreign mission property around the world.

Greek ship sinks

AREQUIPA, Peru, Feb. 6 (AP) — The 25,000-ton Greek merchant ship *Sax Evans* sank Saturday in the Pacific off the port of Matarani, some 1,000 kilometers southeast of Lima.

The ship had caught fire last Monday while loading 10,000 tons of lead and copper ore for Japan. Its 23 crewmen were rescued safely and were to be flown to Lima Sunday en route back to Greece.

The *Sax Evans* sank a few hours after *Sax Evans*, one of its owners, arrived in Matarani from Greece. Sirigos said that the ship was valued at \$10 million.

Power poles dynamited

El Salvador rebels pull out of town

no troops arrived there.

The armed forces sent in 50 treasury police to reinforce the Chalatenango towns of Nueva Concepcion, about 24 kms southwest of La Reina, and about 50 national guardsmen to Tejula, five kms southeast. Rebels roamed virtually at will over much of Northern Chalatenango near the Honduras border, controlling an area that includes about 23 towns.

Armed guerrillas took over Radio Chalatenango, a private station located a mile outside of the provincial capital Chalatenango city, late Friday and ordered

technicians to play a propaganda tape before they left. Soldiers arrived at the station a few hours later and ordered the technicians to put on a counter-tape that said, "Chalatenango people don't let yourselves be fooled by these terrorists." The provincial capital is 72 kms north of San Salvador.

Guerrilla saboteurs also dynamited three power poles north of San Salvador, blacking out Chalatenango Province and northern San Salvador Province late Friday. Power was restored early Saturday. Much of the western province of Santa Ana also was blacked out during the same time by rebel sabotage.

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RADO-AL GHAZALI MEETING 1983

*ZULFI & *KHAMIS MUSHAYAT

Like a large family gathering, they came from afar and converged on the beautiful towns of Zulfi and Khamis Mushayat. Picturesque towns . . . one set amidst the rolling sands of the desert, the other tucked away in the beautiful mountain ranges of the south. Zulfi is the birthplace of the enterprising, amiable Mr. Mohamed Ali Abdul Latif, Chairman, Al Ghazali Trading Est.

The grand opening meeting was held at his palatial residence when the RADO team Dealers and the Al Ghazali Team popularly called the 'Rado Family' met to discuss the implementation of the marketing and selling of the 1983 range of RADO watches.

Business mingled with laughter

and song and the RADO watches for 1983 were introduced with great fanfare.

The venue shifted to the Frantel Hotel, Khamis Mushayat, where once again, the beautiful RADO '83 watches were displayed. As expected the occasion was a spectacular success, when more than 65 Dealers graced the occasion. Here again, the invitees were given a sound briefing on the company's performance in '82 and future plans. Examples were supported by film spots and every effort made to provide and exchange valuable information for the benefit of all parties concerned.

Objectives were outlined at both meetings and guidelines set for a smooth operation in promoting RADO efficiently in the Kingdom.

LAUNCH ADDRESS: (AT SALES CONFERENCE ZULFI & KHAMIS MUSHAYAT)

The proceedings were initiated by the welcome address of Mr. Mohamed Ali Abdul Latif, who spoke on both occasions.

A gist of his speech appears below

"His excellency, Amir of Zulfi, members of the Rado Mid East Team, Dealers and guests. Thank you very much for accepting our invitation to this important meeting and special thanks to those coming from remote areas.

Zulfi is a quiet town, away from the noise and tension of large cities and therefore this was the reason we decided on it as the venue.

The objectives we hope to attain are to strengthen and coordinate the business activities of the company, exchange information between all parties — The producer, the Importer and Dealer. We represent the one happy RADO family and it is our duty to work together, cordially and with full cooperation.

We are giving due importance to After Sales Service and like RADO we have several Service centers in the Kingdom.

We fully endorse the Rado philosophy in our dealing and I take this opportunity to introduce to you Mr. Streule, Sales Manager, RADO Middle East, who will address you. Thank you once again".

Following the Chairman's Address, Mr. Streule replies:

"Honourable Sub-agents, my dear Mr. Abdul Latif, Dear friends.

On behalf of the Rado factory and the Rado team present

here, thank you very much. Your presence honours us a lot. Warmest thanks to my dear friend, Mr. Abdul Latif for his invitation to grace the occasion.

The occasion gives me a golden opportunity to express deepest thanks to the entire Rado family for contributing to the marvellous success of Rado in Saudi Arabia.

Rado has become one of the leading watch brands known by everyone in the Kingdom. Abroad too, Rado has done remarkably well and comparatively better than other Swiss brands. Remarkable progress has also been made in some important markets, such as the Middle East in general, Switzerland, Japan etc.

Rado has and will continue to invest large sums in further research and styling, and we are proud to present to you the '83 models, which I am sure you will like and which will help increase your future sales. Large sums of money have also been earmarked for Advertising including that for the Middle East.

After Sales Service is the most important activity of the Rado company and we shall continue to invest large sums in this direction too.

The success of Rado is attributed to the coordination of the entire RADO family and the excellent collaboration between the factory, importer, sub-agent and even consumer.

The complete Rado Middle East team is here to assist you and please be free to ask any questions to me and my team.

Thank you once again and warmest thanks to Mr. Abdul Latif for the hospitality given us in his beautiful home.



His Highness, Amir of Khamis Mushayat cutting the ribbon at the RADO product display, Frantel Hotel.

AL GHAZALI — A PROFILE:

The RADO-AL GHAZALI Cooperative venture started in the year 1959, when not a single RADO Watch was sold. It is a pleasure to state that since the seed of friendship was sown in '59, record sales of RADO Watches have been achieved and Al Ghazali have grown into a vast organization with branches in large towns and a dealer network comprising of over 250 RADO Dealers encompassing the entire Kingdom. Today, with vital importance given to service and maintenance, Al Ghazali have established more than 12 service Centers Kingdomwide.

Al Ghazali met with phenomenal success in their efforts last year, in that they have increased their sales by more than 20% over the previous year, much to the satisfaction of the RADO principal in Switzerland.

These vital statistics will enlighten you on why RADO is indeed a successful manufacturer.

VISIT TO THE RADO CLOCK ZULFI TOWN:



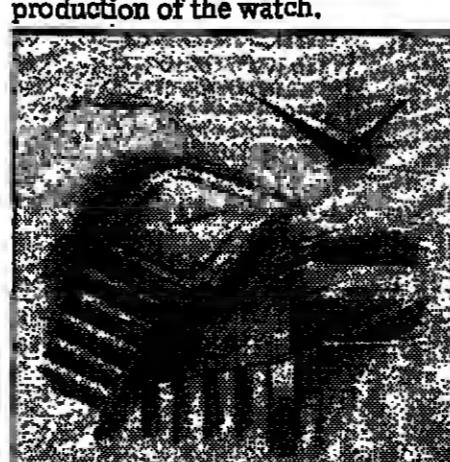
The famous Clock Tower, Khamis Mushayat. One of Al Ghazali's achievements.

THE PROCESS OF DESIGNING AND PRODUCING A WINNER:

To start with, the designer first makes a thorough study of the current world trends in design tastes and preference.

Once this is ascertained, he then proceeds to produce rough sketches in colour which will reflect these trends and submits the same to the Sales and Production dept.

These departments will ascertain which design would be most suited to customer preference and to their own production capacity. If the designs fulfill all this, the RADO decision makers will authorise the production of the watch.



A prime attraction on the agenda of the first meeting was the visit of the dealers to the Rado clock donated by the Al Ghazali Co. to the citizens of Zulfi Town.

This beautiful monument symbolises the love and interest taken in the welfare of the people of Zulfi and incorporates a fully computerised control panel which monitors the timing, lighting and other mechanism of the clock. The clock chimes every hour and announces over the public address system the time in English and Arabic. It has internal lighting and can be viewed from any side. Truly an everlasting monument in Zulfi town.

THE PRODUCT DISPLAY:

At both meetings, on the following day, the organizers had arranged a product display. Present on the occasion, at both venues, Zulfi and Khamis Mushayat, were the Chief guests, His Excellency, Hamid Khathan, Amir of Zulfi, Mr. Mohamed Ibrahim Moosa, Mayor of Zulfi and His Excellency, Amir of Khamis Mushayat.



SOME VITAL STATISTICS ON RADO'S ACHIEVEMENTS

It is the remarkable RADO philosophy which after years of tremendous labour and pioneering, painstaking, research has given RADO its distinctive image in the World's watch trade.

These vital statistics will enlighten you on why RADO is indeed a successful manufacturer.

- The total RADO Watch range encompasses more than 1000 different models.
- The RADO factory turns out more than a 1000,000 watches every year.
- The firm achieves more than 200,000,000 (two hundred million) Francs in Sales annually.
- Growth rates of more than 30% have been recorded in the past two years alone.
- More than 450 persons are employed at the company's factory in Switzerland added to the hundreds of other jobs in the sub-supplier field and also in worldwide sales and service agencies.
- RADO is represented in most parts of the world by very strong agents.
- A good 10% of the production goes to Japan.
- Ranks among the first 3 Swiss brand watches.
- 6% of total Swiss products exported to Saudi Arabia bear the RADO brand name.
- 36% of value of Swiss goods exported to Saudi Arabia bear the RADO name.
- The RADO DIESTAR still remains the top RADO watch sold.

His Highness Amir of Zulfi cutting the ribbon at the RADO Product Display, Zulfi.

THE PURPOSE & OBJECTIVES:

First of all the purpose of holding the '83 meeting in the small towns of Zulfi and Khamis Mushayat was with the object of giving dealers in the remote areas, a chance to participate in the Rado Success story and —

A) Acquaint them with the philosophy of the Swiss principals in Marketing and Selling Rado watches worldwide.

B) To set guidelines for a smooth running of their establishments.

C) To guide them in Product Display and signage.

D) To set up Rado Service Centers for them, if possible.

E) To guide them on the future plans of RADO & Al Ghazali.

F) To ensure that there will be better coordination and standards maintained by all in future.

THE PARTICIPANTS

Present at the RADO-AL GHAZALI 1983 meetings were more than 250 Dealers (both at Zulfi and Khamis Mushayat) who possess Retail RADO outlets on authorisation from the Al Ghazali Co. The areas they represent are Zulfi, Hail, Al Qassem, Abha, Khamis Mushayat, Najran, Giza, Bisha, Baljursi, Sharora, Al Baha, Al Namas etc.

The atmosphere at both venues was charged with excitement, merriment and a spirit of friendship.

It was indeed a privilege for the Dealers, that Al Ghazali had conceded to their request to have the meetings held in their areas of operation, unlike the normal policy of launching new models in large cities only.

The wise decision made by the Al Ghazali management reflected in the happy mood of the Dealer gathering and it is sure that this will go a long way in generating long range goodwill vitally necessary in promoting the products of a recognised trendsetter in the watch industry, RADO.



Seated in the foreground (L to R): Mr. Streule, Sales Manager RADO Middle East, Mr. Hauke, Adviser RADO and Mr. Ali Mohamed Abdul Latif, Manager, Al-Ghazali Trading Est. Western Region. Dealers and invitees form the background.

THE RADO PHILOSOPHY: FARSIGHTED INDEED:

1. SATISFYING MAN AND HIS NEEDS:

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3. ENSURING CONTINUITY

Of WSC One-Day series finals

Aussies squeeze England out

PERTH, Australia, Feb. 6 (AP) — Australia hucked the odds to qualify for the rich Benson and Hedges Cup finals series when they applied relentless pressure to beat New Zealand by 27 runs at the WACA Ground Sunday.

When Geoff Lawson bowled tailender Ewen Chatfield for 40, Australia had won with 31 balls to spare. This result in the final qualifying match means that England have been pushed out of the finals series, which will now be a best-of-three contest between New Zealand and Australia.

Remarkably none of the 22 batsmen Sunday were able to exceed a score of 33 on a pitch which gave the seam bowlers plenty of help, particularly early in the day. Australia's hero was their evergreen wicketkeeper Rod Marsh, who deserved the accolade of man-of-the-match.

Marsh top-scored for Australia with a defiant 31 off 50 balls in 71 minutes and then gave a splendid exhibition behind the stumps, taking four catches. Australia, who were sent in to bat, had to struggle grimly to reach 141 for the loss of nine wickets off their 50 overs.

Then the Australian bowlers and fieldsmen performed with great fighting spirit and the side — led in fine style by Kim Hughes — dismissed New Zealand for 164 off 44.5 overs. New Zealand went down fighting, and after being on the doorstep of defeat at 125 for eight a gallant ninth-wicket partnership between John Morrison and Martin Snedden produced 37 runs before a fresh catch won the game back into Australia's favor.

The left-handed Snedden was dangerous, collecting 25 runs off 30 balls before he tried to hit a ball from Lawson out of the ground. The shot was lofted high over mid-on, sending Jeff Thomson dashing ten paces to his left. He reached the ball, running full tilt, but

it split from his hands before he took another swipe at it and caught the ball in his left hand.

It was Rodney Hogg who started the destruction by bowling captain Geoff Howarth for eight in the fourth over of the innings. In Hogg's previous over, his first, David Hookes dropped opener John Wright before he had scored, when he was fielding at second slip. Wright and Glenn Turner then took the score to 61 before Turner was out for 30 in the 17th over.

Turner, who had been subjected to several fiery bouncers from Thomson, Lawson and Hogg, was out to the first ball after the drinks break — a shortish delivery from Dennis Lillee outside the off stump. He went to steer it behind point, but succeeded only in edging it to Marsh.

Jeff Crowe was out to the next delivery when he pushed defensively, got an edge and was brilliantly caught by Marsh, diving across in front of first slip. Greg Chappell then strengthened Australia's position and had New Zealand on the ropes at 108 for six after he had dismissed Jeremy Coney for ten. Wright — for the sides' top score of 33 — and

Peter Webb for seven, Wright was unlucky to be out after his vigil of 114 minutes.

He chased an extremely wide ball outside-off stump and just got an edge, which was snapped up low to the ground by Marsh.

The base for Australia's total of 141 was established by openers Graeme Wood and Steve Smith, who batted with refreshing assurance and put on 65 before Wood was out for 25, hooking Chatfield and being caught by Wright at fine leg. Chatfield struck again soon afterwards when he removed Smith for 28.

Smith pushed forward defensively, edged the ball and was brilliantly caught in front of Turner at first slip by Webb, who took the ball in his outstretched right glove. Hughes fought hard to gather 21 runs off 51 balls in 72 minutes and Chappell weighed in with 24 before he was bowled going for a big hit.

It was then left to Marsh to add some valuable runs as wickets crashed around him. New Zealand were at a disadvantage when fast bowler Hadlee was forced to leave the field with a strained ham string after bowling only five overs.

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Score - board

Australia:	
G. Wood c Wright b Chatfield	25
S. Smith c Webb b Chatfield	28
K. Hughes b Morrison	21
A. Morrison c Webb b Coney	12
D. Hadlee b Hogg	13
G. Chappell b Snedden	31
R. Marsh c Snedden b Morrison	31
G. Lawson b Snedden	8
J. Thomson b Morrison	4
R. Hogg not out	1
D. Lillee not out	0
Extras:	35
Total: (for 9 wkt.)	191
Fall of wicket: 1-65, 2-74, 3-77, 4-110, 5-118, 6-159, 7-183, 8-188, 9-191.	
Bowling: Hogg 9.5-2-7-1; Coney 6-0-20-0; Snedden 10-1-41-2; Chatfield 10-2-30-2; Lillee 10-2-24-2; Thomson 8-0-24-0; Chappell 8-0-35-3.	

Kite eclipses course record en route to a two-stroke lead

PEBBLE BEACH, California, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Tom Kite, sloshing and slogging over rain-soaked fairways, rode the best round of his life, a 10-under-par 62 at failed Pebble Beach golf links, into a two-stroke lead Saturday in the third round of the Bing Crosby National Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

"This is the best," Kite said when asked to compare this effort to other outstanding rounds of his career. It also broke by two strokes the 1972 course record set by Ron Funsell on the 6,739 yard layout that stretches through the dripping eucalyptus and pine of Del Monte forest and along the cliffs and crags of Carmel Bay.

Kite shrugged off the possibility that the score may be tainted a bit by the so-called "winter rules" that allowed players to lift, clean and place balls in the fairways, which were saturated by a series of storms.

"There's no question about it, that makes the round a lot easier," Kite said. "But if we hadn't been playing it up, I don't think we would have finished the tournament. About one-tenth of the shots you hit plug into the right and behind a tree."

While he may have derived a benefit from the lift, clean and place rules, he was hampered by continuing cold drizzle which misted his eye-glasses and sent him climbing into foul-weather gear from time to time.

Ken Green, the second-round leader, rookie Donnie Hammond and Rex Caldwell were Kite's closest pursuers on 205, 11-under-par. Hammond had a solid 67 at Spyglass Hill, generally regarded as the toughest of the three courses used for the first three rounds of this event, while Green, feeling the pressure of the first lead of his career, shot a 71 at Cypress Point. Caldwell had a 66.

Gary McCord shot a third-round 70 at Pebble Beach and was two more shots back at nine-under 207. Jack Nicklaus shot a 66 at Pebble Beach and, on 208, was five strokes back going into Sunday's final round. He was tied with Danny Edwards and Cal Peete. Edwards had a 69 at Spyglass and Peete 70 at Pebble Beach.

Bob Gilder was alone at 207 after compiling a steady 66 to be ahead of Jack Nicklaus and company by a stroke. Australian Open champion Bob Shearer, who had hallooed to a 20 in the second round, fared a wee bit better in the third with a card of 74. But he was way back with a three-round tally of 222 in company of Peter Oosterhuis, who had a 72 and Canadian Richard Zokol, who shot a 76.

Meanwhile, Wayne Westry, a 21-year-old rookie professional from nearby Benoni, shot a four-under-par 68 Saturday to win the \$6,000 first prize in the ICL-Golf Tournament at the Kensington Course, Johannesburg.

Westner was three strokes off the pace after three rounds before clinching the crown in the long 16th. Allan Henning finished second at 275 and the third-round leader, Zimbabwean Tony Johnstone, finished at 276.

A large gallery followed the threesome of Johnstone, Westner and American David Sarni, second overnight, was plagued by poor putting and finished fourth at 277 with a par 72.

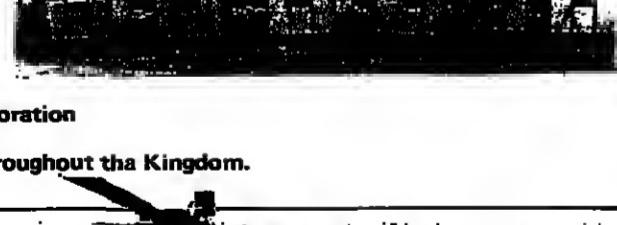
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Kapil replaces Gavaskar as captain

BOMBAY, India, Feb. 6 (AP) — In a surprise move, Indian selectors sacked Sunil Gavaskar as captain of the India cricket team and appointed all-rounder Kapil Dev in his place Saturday for the forthcoming five-Test tour of the West Indies.

The decision was announced soon after the Indian cricket team led by Gavaskar returned home from Pakistan after losing the series 3-0. Three other Tests were drawn. "I am really sorry to have let down the expectations," a dejected Gavaskar told reporters on his arrival at Bombay airport.

Indian Cricket Control Board secretary A.W. Kanmadikar said the decision to replace Gavaskar was unanimous. The five-member selection committee is composed of former cricket stars.

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New captain Kapil Dev, a dashing middle-order batsman and the country's leading medium pace bowler, celebrated his 24th birthday while playing against Pakistan during the just-concluded tour. He has claimed 185 wickets and scored 1,999 runs, including two centuries, in 46 Tests.

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The former indoor record belonged to Helke Daute of East Germany with 6.68 meters, set in East Berlin earlier this week. The women's outdoor long jump record is held by another Romanian, Ilonca Muresan, with 7.20 meters. She set the mark last summer.

In Beppu, Japan's Yoshihiro Nishimura won an international Marathon, heading a sweep for his country of the top nine places. It was 25-year-old Nishimura's first Marathon win — he was second in the race last year — and he took over the lead in the last five miles to come in with a time of two hours 13 minutes 55 seconds. Tetsuo Urakawa, 21, competing in his first Marathon, was second in 2:16.26, followed by Hiroshi Munakata with 2:16.52. Wally Saenger of the U.S. was the highest placed foreigner, coming in 10th with 2:20.19.

Runners from Tanzania, Canada, England and Ethiopia are considered favorites in Sunday's edition of the annual Sao Blas Marathon, it was reported in Coamo, Puerto Rico. Entries from 24 countries are registered for the event.

In Bucharest, Anisoara Cusmir of Romania cleared 6.92 meters for a new world indoor record in the women's long jump at

Dallas Meet

Lewis' fine burst shatters world mark

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 6 (Agencies) — Carl Lewis, running in the event for the first time this year, overcame a false start Saturday night then blazed to a world record 6.02 seconds in the 60-yard dash at the Dallas Times Herald Invitational Meet.

Lewis, the world indoor long jump record holder, eclipsed the 60-yard standard of 6.04 which was set by Stanley Floyd in this meet in 1981. Running for the Santa Monica Track Club although he is enrolled in the University of Houston, Lewis outlasted Georgia all-American tailback Herschel Walker, who finished second in 6.12, Walter's Bruce Davis was third in 6.12, while Floyd was fourth in 6.15. Lewis' previous best was 6.06 seconds.

Billy Olson, fresh off a world indoor record effort of 19.14 inches at Toronto Friday night, failed in three attempts at one-half an inch higher. A tired Olson soared 18.42 inches on his third try and made 18.612 also on his third attempt.

Olson came close to extending his world indoor record on his second attempt. He just brushed the bar with his shirt and the standard wobbed before trickling off the upright. Kevin Akins set a meet record in the shot put with an effort of 69.912.

It shattered the old standard of 65.2 by Michael Carter of SMU. Carter threw the shot 66.1114 to finish second. In the

Dino's goal leaves Islanders starry-eyed

NEW YORK, Feb. 6 (AP) — Dino Ciccarelli's goal with 5:06 remaining in the game Saturday night boosted the Minnesota North Stars to a 4-2 National Hockey League victory over the New York Islanders.

It was the Islanders who surged ahead through D. Suter in 4:49. But the North Stars bounced back with goals from Friesl and Douglas in the first period. However, Mike Bossy restored parity soon after start of the second period, getting the lone goal of the period. Ciccarelli then broke open the game and Bellows added an insurance tally to see North Stars through.

Elsewhere in the NHL it was Philadelphia 2, Los Angeles 0; Buffalo 0, Quebec 0; Boston 7, Hartford 4; Chicago 4, Detroit 3; Washington 5, New Jersey 4; Toronto 6, Vancouver 4 and New York 2; St. Louis 2.

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Flyers balked the Kings. The Flyers, who have lost only once in their last 21 games, have not been beaten by the Kings since Dec. 22, 1974.

Sabres 0, Nordiques 0: Flawless goalkeeping and fierce forechecking combined to produce a rare scoreless tie between the Buffalo Sabres and the Quebec Nordiques. Robert Sauve stopped 22 shots for the Sabres to post his first shutout, while Dan Bouchard also notched his first for Quebec. He also faced 22 shots from the Sabres.

Bruins 7, Whalers 4: Defenseman Ray Bourque scored his 13th and 14th goals of the season as the Boston Bruins extended their unbeaten streak to 14 games with a 7-4 victory over the Hartford Whalers.

Black Hawks 4, Red Wings 3: Al Seeger scored his 40th goal of the season and Dennis Savard collected two assists to lift the Chicago Black Hawks to their fourth straight victory, a 4-3 triumph over the Detroit Red Wings. Teamster led the Black Hawks'

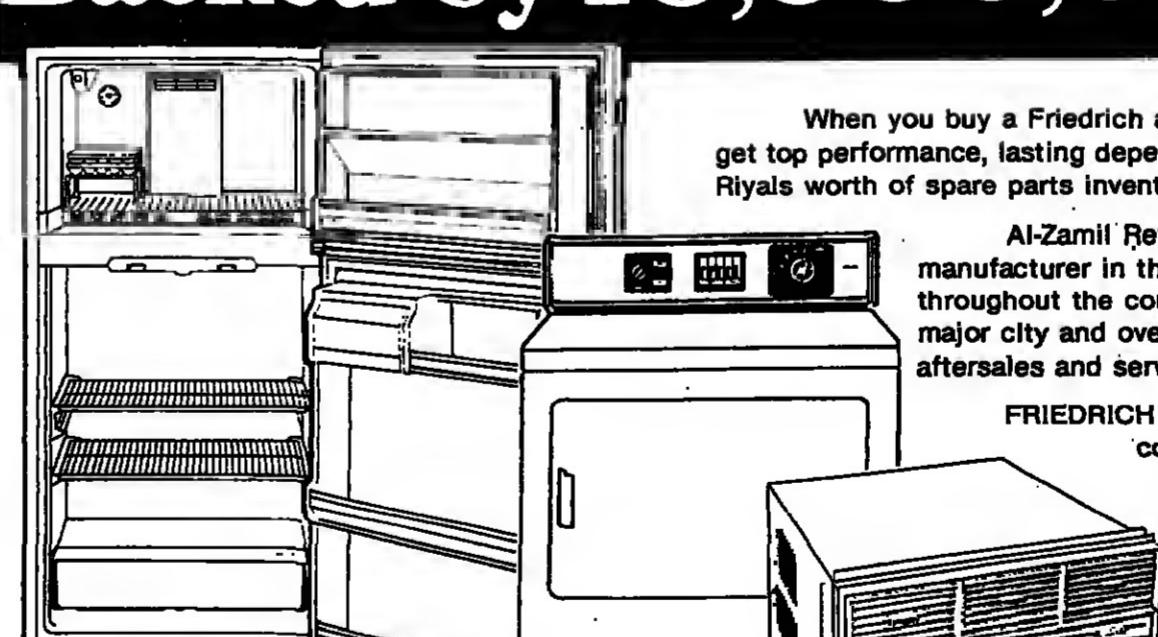
revival by neutralizing Leach's first-period goal and Seeger and Boe-McFay added two more in the second stanza to put Black Hawks ahead. Prust increased the margin early in the last period and the Red Wings could only narrow the gap through Huber and Leach.

Capitals 5, Devils 4: Greg Theberge and Bobby Carpenter scored power play goals late in the third period to give the Washington Capitals a come-from-behind victory over the New Jersey Devils.

Maple Leafs 6, Canucks 2: Rick Vaive and Walt Podebny each scored two goals and Toronto's penalty killers took the slug fest of Vancouver's power play as the Maple Leafs defeated the Canucks in a keenly-contested action.

Rangers 3, Blues 2: Andres Hadberg and Mikko Lehtonen scored goals less than three minutes apart in the closing period, lifting the New York Rangers from behind to a 2-2 tie with the St. Louis Blues.

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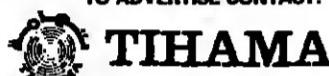
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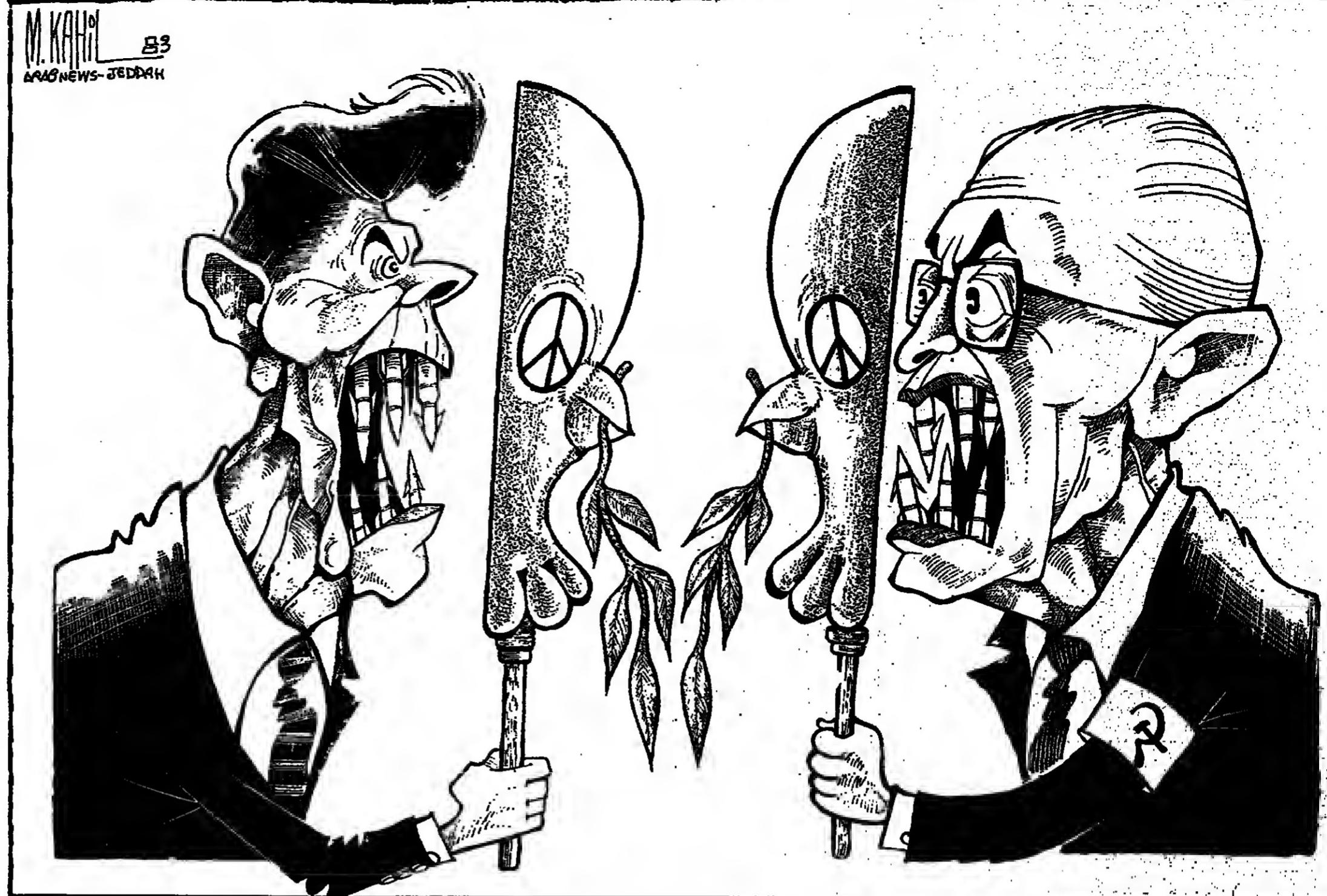
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Nonaligned muting its anti-Western slant

By John Rogers

LONDON — The nonaligned movement, which holds its seventh summit in New Delhi next month, appears to be muting its anti-Western slant, Western diplomats say. The result: could be greater international respect for its role as the voice of the uncommitted middle ground between the rival power blocs led by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Since the nonaligned movement was formed 22 years ago, its statements on political and economic issues, often couched in terms of broad principles, have acquired moral influence, especially on resolutions at the United Nations. But it has failed to affect U.S. and Soviet actions and to heal conflicts between its own members, such as the Iran-Iraq war.

The 97-member movement was seen in the West, and by its own moderates, as leaning toward Moscow, especially under Cuba's chairmanship since the last summit in 1979. Recent signs, however, are of a trend to greater even-handedness which the Delhi meeting is expected to confirm.

"Nonaligned nations are wondering whether it does much good to keep on criticizing the Americans," says a West European diplomat. "They may be reconsidering their tactics and may feel that to gratuitously offend is less and less tactically useful."

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he said.

Since its foundation in 1961 with 25 members, the nonaligned movement's roll-call has increased. Some countries — notably India, Yugoslavia and Algeria — have made it their special platform in international affairs.

Because of its size and diversity critics dismiss the movement as a talking shop whose role is belittled in other international forums. But supporters credit it with an influence which is enhanced to the degree it stays unaligned.

"The nonaligned movement has extended the uncommitted area of the world," one said. A shift in the balance was noticed at a nonaligned ministerial meeting last month in Managua, Nicaragua, which criticized the United States for some of Latin America's problems but stopped short of outright condemnation as demanded by Cuba and other hardliners.

Earlier Cuban efforts to have the Soviet Union declared the "natural ally" of the nonaligned movement were foiled by moderate members, whom Cuba dubbed "imperialist stooges." During Cuba's chairmanship, disenchantment grew inside and outside the movement. China and the United States, as well as some members, publicly accused it of becoming Moscow-aligned.

Isolationist Burma resigned, saying the group's

principles were "not merely dim, they are dying." But diplomats say two events in 1979 turned the tide — Vietnam's installation of the Heng Samrin government in Kampuchea and the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

The nonaligned foreign ministers' meeting in 1981 called for withdrawal of foreign troops from Kampuchea and Afghanistan. Although it did not name Vietnam and the Soviet Union, the message was clear and the statement did a lot to strengthen the movement's flagging reputation for neutrality.

Similar calls are expected at New Delhi, where India is staging the summit from March 7 to 11 because Iran objected to its being held as scheduled in Baghdad last September.

India, a founder of the movement, is expected as chairman to play a pragmatic, moderating role aimed at minimizing disputes and forging consensus, diplomats believe. Draft resolutions are expected to avoid attacks on either superpower by name — although Washington will probably fare worse than Moscow in the diplomatic game of criticism by implication.

India is expected to highlight members' grave economic problems with demands for swifter progress in the so-called North-South dialogue between rich and poor countries and for greater "South-South" cooperation among developing nations. (R)

Today is Monday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 1983. There are 327 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1554 — Troops under Sir Thomas Wyatt march on London.

1793 — Austria and Prussia sign alliance against France.

1849 — Grand Duke of Tuscany flees to Gaeta, Italy.

1920 — Admiral Alexander Kolchak is executed by Soviet Communists.

1932 — Scandinavian countries, Belgium and the Netherlands agree to economic cooperation.

1945 — U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Britain's Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet Premier Joseph Stalin meet in Yalta on Black Sea during World War II.

1959 — Soviet Union agrees to aid Chinese industry.

1962 — Coal mine explosion in Saarbruecken, Germany, takes lives of 298 miners.

1965 — U.S. Bombs North Vietnam following attacks on U.S. areas in South Vietnam.

1969 — Nigerian planes bomb and strafe crowded market in village in rebellious Biafra, killing more than 200 persons.

1974 — Britain grants independence to small Caribbean island of Grenada.

1981 — Polish trade union officials urge workers to begin staging one-hour strikes to press demands for independent farmers' unions.

1982 — Hotel fire in Tokyo kills at least 32 persons.

Thought for today:
Never give advice unless asked — German proverb.

Letters to the editor

Insurance claim

Sir,
We fully support the views expressed in the letter published in the Jan. 22 issue of your paper. Mr. Kim T. Yong has rightly pointed out that the GOSI scheme is not at all beneficial to the expatriates. Most of us come to the Kingdom at our middle ages. We serve for a period of two to five years and then leave forever. So there is very little hope of enjoying the benefits from this insurance policy.

We also support the suggestions put forward by Mr. Kim to enable the expatriates to enjoy the benefit of the insurance policy at the time of leaving the Kingdom after the contract period is over. Alternatively, a maximum 0.5 to 1 percent of the salary may be deducted so that the monetary burden on low paid employees is within tolerable limits. If any particular expatriate wants to accept the present system, his case may be considered separately.

M.A. Hoque
M.H. Rahman
& Others
Khalid
Al-Madinah
SAPTCO service

One very often sees two or three SAPTCO buses serving the same route running just one behind the other to be followed by a long interval when no bus comes at all. Also, certain drivers ignore waiting passengers and flee past even when there is enough space in the bus to accommodate more. These irregularities cause much inconvenience to the public. It will be a great relief to the commuters if the buses follow strictly the scheduled frequencies and halt at designated stops.

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Bombay flights

Sir,
I would like to request the authorities of Saudiia to alter the timings of Bombay-bound flights for early morning to enable the passengers to reach the destination in daylight. This, I believe, will help them reach home as early as possible and with the minimum of inconvenience.

Julio Wax
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THE ISRAELI GAME

Israel is not going to leave Lebanon alone to pick up the threads and start rebuilding. It has not only continued to occupy the south arid-the center including the capital but is spreading death and terror over the rest of the country.

The latest horror killed and wounded nearly 100 Palestinians and Lebanese alike, when Israeli agents blew up the Palestinian research office. Last month the same agents killed scores of Palestinians. Lebanese and Syrians in the northern town of Chataura.

Worse still is the way Israel continues to fuel the sectarian war involving Druze and Phalangists in the central mountains by supplying arms and secret information to both sides so that there may never be peace in the country and also to justify its presence as an occupying power. Zionists want to tell the world that because there is no peace and stability in Lebanon, their forces must remain there to protect its northern borders from possible Palestinian incursions.

The Phalangists who are being used to perpetuate this presence are also to blame for going along with the Israeli game. It is using them to blow up Palestinians and to kill Druze. When the Druze and Palestinians have been subjugated, it will use the Phalangists to attack the Muslims, sect by sect and group by group. At the same time it will have the Phalangists so tightly in its grip they will never be able to get out. It will be in effective control of the whole country and this is not going to help either peace in the area, specially with Syria, or the American peace plan in the Middle East.

The Syrians will not agree to leave the Bekaa valley and let the Israelis play around the whole country within artillery range of Damascus. They will stay there together with the Palestinians and, of course, Israel will stipulate that they should leave first. But this will not be possible as long as the Israelis remain in force or continue to disrupt life in Lebanon as they have been doing since their invasion.

Saudi Arabian press review

The need for an Arab defense strategy to counter the Zionist threat, Iran's tactics to disrupt Arab unity and King Fahd's tour of various parts of the Kingdom were editorially commented on by the Saudi newspapers Sunday.

Al-Yawm warned that Zionism was not to implement its expansionist designs in the Arab world in the absence of unified Arab action and the continuation of factional fighting in Lebanon. The paper deplored Israel's negative tactics at the tripartite talks on the withdrawal of foreign troops from Lebanon and said a unified Arab action was the best tool to encounter the Zionist expansionist policy in the country and in the Middle East.

The paper described the Arab peace plan adopted at the Fez summit as the only alternative to resolve the Middle East conflict.

ensure just and durable peace in the region and recover Arab rights.

Al-Riyadh called on the Arabs

"to formulate a permanent and strategic defense plan capable of facing the Israeli challenges and

Vice President Jeeves

By Robert Chesshyre

WASHINGTON —

Three years ago George Herbert Walker Bush stomped the United States telling audiences: "I have a conviction. I know I'd be a better president than Reagan." Today, as he goes about the job of vice president certainly the most frustrating high office in the Western world, he could teach even Jeeves something about self-effacement.

For, in essence, the job is one of waiting, much as an heir to the throne, but, unlike, a royal heir, the vice president of the United States has no certainty of succession. And for an ambitious politician like Bush, sincerely convinced that he was put on this earth to play a captain's role, the rewards of being a good team player are limited.

Tall, handsome, lean, fit, slightly "preppy" given to words like "fantastic" and "billions" — Bush is what he looks, the son of a wealthy establishment, East Coast, Republican family. Bush's father, Prescott, a stockbroker and Republican senator, was a stern but fair man who brought up his five children according to Victorian precepts, with moral lessons at breakfast. Bush acknowledges his father as the principal influence in his life. (His mother's family was equally top drawer, and his maternal grandfather founded the Walker Cup golf competition.)

Bush went to the right East Coast schools, leaving in 1942 to become the youngest pilot in the U.S. Navy. Shot down by the Japanese, his two crew members perished but he was pulled out of the sea and decorated. He was still in his teens. When only 20, he married Barbara Pierce, daughter of a wealthy magazine publisher, before going to Yale, where he graduated in economics.

He was offered well-paid Wall Street jobs, but took off instead for the Texas oil fields, where he began by working a 12-hour day, seven days a week, sweeping up and painting oil drums. He founded a company, pioneered offshore drilling and was a millionaire by the time he sold out in 1966. It is this solid achievement that causes him to resent the effete Easterner label his opponents try to pin on him: he looks and won, rubbing shoulders with adventurous Americans of all types who were attracted like him to the rough and tough opportunities of the oil business.

But Bush never lost sight of his goal, which was

public service. In 1964 he ran unsuccessfully for

the Senate. Two years later he was elected to the House of Representatives from a Houston district. In 1970 he gave up his seat for another unsuccessful Senate shot, and by then was a sufficient star for Nixon to make him ambassador to the U.N., and later — at the height of Watergate — chairman of the Republican Party.

He was poorly marked by liberal Congress watchers when he was a House member, but his image today on the far right is of a devious moderate, bent on subverting Reaganism. Although he does not share Reagan's gun ideology, he has always been essentially conservative.

His impact today is hard to measure, since he advises Reagan privately, chiefly at their weekly lunch. He has on occasion pulled Reagan back from embarrassing domestic blunders — for example, when the president sought tax exemptions for racially segregated colleges — and serves as the White House link with groups such as blacks and organized labor, with whom Reagan himself has little affinity.

When Reagan was shot, Bush — unlike then Secretary of State Alexander Haig, who appeared near panic — behaved with dignity and restraint, neither leaving a power vacuum nor muscling in to ambitiously.

Bush himself has committed some dreadful gaffes, as when he toasted President Marcos of the Philippines by speaking of the "love" Americans have for "your adherence to democratic principles and democratic processes," and by denying that he had ever branded Reaganomics as "voodoo economics," when the speech was on film.

For the next two years he remains a heartbeat — or bullet shot — away from the presidency, but whether he will ever make it under his own steam is a question hedged with imponderables.

Bush said in 1980: "I'd know just how to handle

While the West bemoans recession

Southeast Asia gives a big boost to tourism

By Francis Daniel

SINGAPORE (R) — Southeast Asia, known for its beautiful women, palm-fringed beaches and spices, is rapidly becoming a tourist center to rival European holiday spots.

While the tourist industry, hit by world recession, has stagnated in many parts of the world nearly all the countries in Southeast Asia and the British colony of Hong Kong have reported substantial growth in recent years.

Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand and Indonesia, all members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), are expected to spend more than \$22 million on promoting tourism this year.

An ASEAN tourism conference, to be held in Manila next month, is expected to give another boost for the industry which has already triggered a hotel boom in the region.

Visitors to the ASEAN region and Hong Kong spent an estimated \$4.5 billion last year, making tourism a major source of revenue and foreign exchange for many governments. The figure is expected to show a modest rise this year, according to tourism officials questioned in a Reuters survey.

While the West bemoans the lack of growth in tourist traffic, the officials said that arrivals in the Asian region, particularly from Australia and the United States, had been increasing at the rate of between five and 20 percent.

The director of the Singapore Tourist Board (STPB), Yuen Kum Chuen, said that the trend was expected to continue despite the current international problems. "The growth of tourism in Southeast Asia is outstripping Europe. Many European centers have had no growth at all and some had suffered sharp declines in the tourist trade," he said.

ASEAN and Hong Kong received a total of 11 million visitors last year, with the island of Singapore attracting more than a quarter of the traffic.

Singapore is sprouting new hotels at a fast pace and is pushing ahead with plans to expand its tourist infrastructure, including the development of "theme parks" like Disneyland. The 14,000 hotel rooms on the island, the hub of the area's air and sea traffic, are fully used and new hotels and extensions to existing ones will add over 14,500 rooms in the next few years.

STPB has forecast that tourist arrivals will reach four million by 1985, but Yuen said this would depend largely on how soon the world recovered from its present economic slump.

Hong Kong, more of a shoppers' paradise, received 2.75 million visitors who spent an estimated \$1.5 billion last year, an increase of 10 percent over 1981. The tourist industry has become the colony's third largest source of income and the chairman of Hong Kong's Tourism Association, Duncan Black, has urged the government to formulate long-term policies to ensure the healthy growth of tourism.

Tourism is Thailand's second foreign exchange earner. About 2.2 million people visited the country in 1982, spending \$506 million, only \$23 million less than the country's earnings from its top export item, rice.

Hotel rooms in Thailand increased from 12,000 in 1980 to 16,000 at the end of 1982, but the tourist authority has warned builders of the danger of oversupply of rooms. Despite the warning, however, five new hotels with 1,500 rooms are due to open in Bangkok this year.

The French resort chain, Club Mediterranee, has announced plans to set up holiday villages on Thailand's Indian Ocean island of Phuket and the northern hill resort town of Chiang Mai to entice 30,000 wealthy tourists annually.



HONG KONG: An aerial view of Hong Kong's main business area taken from the western part of the island. A shoppers' paradise, Hong Kong received 2.75 million visitors last year.

New York's Chinatown expands as Little Italy shrinks

By Susan Hayward

NEW YORK (AP) — On a warm fall day in Little Italy recently, a young couple huddled together in a coffee shop and giggled softly. He was Italian. She was Chinese.

Theirs is not a forbidden alliance, but it is not the norm either. They probably grew up together around Canal Street, which divided Chinatown and Little Italy 100 years ago.

Today Chinatown has sprawled across Canal Street. Although the two communities have existed side by side, they have been two separate and distinct cultures. And a wariness has grown in the last few years, as Chinatown has expanded and Little Italy has shrunk. In fact, Little Italy has dwindled to three blocks of Italian restaurants and pastry shops along Mulberry Street. Two-thirds of what once was Little Italy is Chinese now.

"Animosity? There's no animosity as long as the Chinese aren't taking away the business of the Italian guy next door. Then there's animosity," said Tony Bastioni, unofficial mayor of Little Italy.

Whereas most Italians have dispersed throughout this city of 7 million and blended into Manhattan's multiracial panorama, the majority of Chinese — whose numbers are growing — choose to live in the confines of Chinatown's close-knit community.

"Chinese people don't think like other ethnic groups and they don't assimilate as easily," said Thomas Wong, a social worker and former board member of the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA), a group of business and community leaders known as the real government of Chinatown.

Since the repeal of some U.S. immigration laws in 1965 and subsequent amendments in 1978-79, as well as the normalization of relations with China, the number of Chinese arriving in America has outnumbered Italians by far.

There now about 100,000 Chinese in the Chinatown-Little Italy area, compared to 10,000 Italians. Pamela Chavez of the visa office of the U.S. Department of State says the U.S. issued only 2,901 visas for Italian immigrants in 1982. The Chinese figure for last year was 38,377, she said.

"It is all a matter of social progress. There are more Chinese and they need housing. The Italians have to be displaced. It's the same thing that happened to the Irish when the Italians came here," said Bastioni.

"We used to have 25-blocks — some 50 hectares — Now it's mostly all Chinese," said Bastioni. "But what can you do?"

Wong speculates that Italians assimilate more easily into other neighborhoods because most of them speak English. "Seventy percent of the Chinese in Chinatown rely on Chinese papers for their information," Wong said.

"The Chinese are buying anything that is standing, and they pay more than the property is worth," said 60-year-old Domenic Coppola, a life-long resident of Little Italy. "They have more money; coming from Hong Kong, Taiwan — you name it."

"They (the Chinese) get their money together in sums and buy," said Frances Schafani, director and treasurer of the Little Italy Restoration Society (LIRS).

In the mid-19th century, Italian immigrants, followed by an influx of Chinese, arrived at New York harbor and settled in southeast Manhattan, displacing the first wave of Irish immigrants.

In time, Canal Street became the dividing line of the two cultures. On the one side, Italian immigrants set up Little Italy, moving into newly built tenements. On the other, in older buildings and some new tenements, the Chinese created their own neighborhood.

The two neighborhoods remained roughly equal in size for years, but with more Chinese arriving, they needed more room. Slowly they moved into the Italian neighborhood and also took over parts of the neighborhood that had been mainly Puerto Rican. But the Italians still exercise some political clout in

matters affecting the neighborhood.

"The Italians are ethnically more vocal. That's what they still have going for them, but it's eroding — They are not coming in as they once were," said Joseph Sheldor, who as police officer has worked in the neighborhood for 27 years.

Sclafani said Lira, in an effort to maintain the quaint look of the area, was responsible for pushing a zoning law that stops the Chinese from building more than seven stories high. The move was a reaction to Confucius Plaza, in the heart of Chinatown, an elongated red-stone structure 27 stories high — the highest apartment building in the area. Sclafani called the plaza a "monstrosity."

Wong, a 47-year-old self-proclaimed "old-timer" at Chinatown who immigrated from Hong Kong 22 years ago to study economics and law, says the Chinese "get along better with the Italians than with any other ethnic group."

Although recent violence among gangs of Chinese youth have stirred concern outside the area, people interviewed in Chinatown and Little Italy said the territorial wars do not particularly frighten them.

"I don't think it has any effect whatsoever ... They are purely doing no more or no less than any other ethnic group coming into this country," Bastioni said.

There are 10 Chinese dailies in Manhattan and three other dailies are imported into the city from Hong Kong. In addition, two radio stations broadcast fulltime in Manhattan, mostly in Cantonese.

The main reason for the dwindling of Little Italy was the lack of adequate housing. The tenements built there 100 years ago are now dilapidated and need major repairs. The poor and overcrowded conditions have forced younger couples to move out, leaving Little Italy with a population in which the average age is between 60 and 70 years old.

"Younger people leave. There's no good housing — no economic progress and that's what a community is all about," said Bastioni. A second-generation Italian from Sicily who founded with community leaders the LIRA in 1974 in an effort to preserve the character of the neighborhood.

Italian landlords faced with low rent-controlled apartments and high utility and maintenance bills, can't meet the high costs, so they sell out. Some abandon their places. The Chinese buy and move in. Wong said well-off Chinese in Hong Kong and Taiwan invest in Chinatown, sending money to relatives and buying property for business.



NEW YORK CITY: Chinatown sprawls across Canal Street and two-thirds of what was once Little Italy is Chinese now.

Sayings of the past week

If you can use techniques to arrest subversives, or discover their whereabouts, which are the same as they use, then why not? — Gen. Ramon Camps, former head of the Buenos Aires Police, on terror techniques.

From time to time I am asked what I think of the anti-nuclear peace demonstrators. I confess I am sometimes tempted to say: "Which ones do you mean? The ones here, or the ones in the Lubyanka?" — President Ronald Reagan.

I am at the forefront of the peace move-

ment. — Michael Heseltine, British Defense Secretary.

If you were to start off a nuclear war on the assumption that both sides would observe some sort of limit on what they were doing, you're very unlikely to be correct. — Field Marshal Lord Carver, former chief of British defense staff.

Illegal immigrants should get no notice whatsoever. It was a matter of grace for us to give them two weeks. — President Shehu Shagari of Nigeria.

The secret of the success of our relationship is that we hardly ever see each other. — Paul Newman, American film star, on his twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Those who have the power, our enemies, have carefully studied our national character, our emotional attitudes and our proneness to sacrifice in order to defeat us. — Cardinal Jozef Glemp, Primate of Poland.

I think the people who have benefited mankind most in recent times have been optimists and dreamers. — R.D. Laing, British psychiatrist.

SELF-SERVICING

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FUEL LINE BLOCKAGE

IF YOU SUSPECT A BLOCKAGE IN THE FUEL SYSTEM, THE FOLLOWING ARE A SERIES OF TESTS THAT CAN BE DONE ONE AT A TIME UNTIL THE CAUSE IS FOUND.

LAYOUT OF A TYPICAL FUEL SUPPLY-TANK AT THE REAR OF THE CAR JOINED BY A METAL PIPE TO THE FUEL PUMP AND THEN TO THE CARBURETTOR. CHECK VISUALLY FOR LEAKS OR DAMAGE ALONG THE LINE AND TEST ALL JOINTS AND LINKAGES.

TO TEST IF FUEL IS GETTING TO THE CARBURETTOR.

DISCONNECT THE LINE TO THE CARBURETTOR AND HOLD THE END IN A JAR. THEN, WITH THE CAR IN NEUTRAL, TURN THE ENGINE BY HAND IF THE PETROL PUMP IS MECHANICAL OR SIMPLY TURN ON THE IGNITION IF IT IS ELECTRICAL.

PETROL SHOULD BE PUMPED OUT INTO THE JAR.

TEST THE LINE FROM THE PETROL TANK TO THE PUMP BY DISCONNECTING THE LINE AT THE PUMP AND BLOWING BACK THROUGH IT

(WITH YOUR MOUTH OR WITH A GARAGE AIR LINE). GET A HELPER TO REMOVE THE PETROL CAP AND LISTEN FOR AIR BUBBLES IN THE TANK.

OTHER FUEL LINE PROBLEMS CAN BE CAUSED BY VAPOUR LOCKS (LINE TOO NEAR HEAT OF ENGINE BLOCK OR EXHAUST), DIRTY FILTER OR BLOCKED PETROL CAP AIR HOLE.

White-black relations easygoing in Harare

By Jack Folsom

HARARE, Zimbabwe, (LAT) — The other day, C.K. McClatchy, publisher of the *Sacramento Bee*, California and a visitor here, went for his early morning jog and waved to a group of black workers on their way to their jobs. Somewhat amused, they waved back.

It would not happen in South Africa.

Whites jog in South Africa too, but they do not wave to blacks. And South African blacks are uneasy about any attention from whites because it usually means they will be challenged to produce their "book of life" — the required credential to be in an area reserved for whites under the country's strict laws on racial segregation.

While race relations are not always harmonious in Zimbabwe, the hatred engendered by the bitter seven-year civil war that led to black rule here nearly three years ago has largely disappeared. Even when racial flare-ups occur, as happened recently when a white farmer was ambushed and killed by a band of black bandits, the case did not provoke a national outcry among the white citizenry, though it caused alarm in the area where it occurred.

Ian Smith, the country's last white prime minister, had some harsh things to say about his black successor, Robert Mugabe, during a trip abroad in November. Mugabe retaliated by having police search Smith's home for evidence of "disloyalty." But this high-level jousting between wartime enemies aroused only momentary passion in the black and white communities.

Harare — it was called Salisbury when this was the capital of the breakaway British colony of Rhodesia — is a place of relatively easygoing relationships between the races. Some blacks here say there is more distrust of coloreds (persons of mixed race) in the black communities than of whites. "We understand why the whites fought us in the war, but why did a lot of coloreds join the whites instead of joining us in the bush?" a former guerrilla said.

The aplomb with which blacks display their equality with whites is seen in many ways, accentuated for the visitor who has just come from the South African metropolis of Johannesburg.

To a visitor from South Africa, who has watched blacks hesitantly test the relaxation or abolition of discriminatory bans in some hotels and restaurants, Harare presents a refreshing change. Years of "whites only" segregation in the urban areas of Zimbabwe have been swept away, though racism remains in some parts of the nation, particularly in the countryside.

Harare taxi drivers, like those of New York City, can be sharp with a fare. "You're going wrong," a white man told a black cabby. "Don't you know where you're going?" the black cabby replied: "I know how to get to where you said you want to go," and he did.

Such incidents are part of the shoulder-rubbing adjustment to a new way of life here, with blacks holding their own in day-to-day encounters with the whites who used to be "boss."

Often it has been the white man, accustomed to his colonial comfort, who has been unable to adjust. About 30,000 whites have emigrated in the 32 months since Zimbabwe became an independent state. Last November, however, the last month for which complete figures are available, more whites moved to Zimbabwe than left.

The white population now is estimated at 170,000, a small minority among the 6 million blacks. "Life is not all that bad here, we discovered after living in England," a white who has returned said. And the return of whites might be greater if Zimbabwean authorities were not screening out those without essential skills in an effort to increase black employment.

In government, blacks have replaced whites in almost all top-ranking jobs, although Mugabe has a white minister and two deputy ministers in his cabinet. Almost all senior white military and police officers have resigned or retired, and few whites are left in the judicial system. Surprisingly, there are still whites in the sensitive police security branch, but they are investigating white wrongdoings with the vigor they once showed in cracking down on the black nationalist underground.

Whites still dominate commerce and industry. "We have a long way to go," said Lawrence Vambe, 65, who has become an owner or director of 16 companies, one of the few blacks who have entered the corporate board room.

"Although legal restrictions against us have been lifted," Vambe said, "we are at a disadvantage when it comes to acquiring wealth, getting acceptable forms of security and gaining commercial acumen and sophistication."

In one respect, Zimbabweans interested in moving ahead have an advantage over their counterparts in other African countries. At the time of independence, there were 22,000 black college graduates, many educated abroad. Others, like Mugabe, obtained advanced degrees by correspondence while in jail under the Smith regime. By comparison, Zaire, the former Belgian Congo, had 10 college graduates at independence 22 years ago.

Still, racism cannot be legislated away, and the advances made by blacks are often marred by residual prejudice. Members of the white crew of the helicopter that flies Zimbabwe President Canaan Banana to his appointments have been heard to make derisive comments about "black mumbo jumbo" when the president is greeted in rural areas by witch doctors and tribal dancers.

And whites are disturbed that history books are being rewritten to emphasize that blacks shaped history in Africa, de-emphasizing the colonial era. Desegregation of schools disappeared soon after independence, but acceptance of integrated schools has been slow among the whites.

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Inflation drops to 6.1% in West, IMF says

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AP) — The International Monetary Fund (IMF) reported Sunday that the rate of consumer price rise in the industrial countries slowed further in November.

The 12-month rate, measuring the percent change in prices over the corresponding period of the previous year, dropped to 6.1 percent in November from 6.6 percent in October, the fund said. This marked the fifth consecutive month of deceleration.

The fund said the November figure compares favorably with the 12-month rate of 9.6 percent recorded in November 1981. Of the industrial countries reporting, November consumer price figures, Japan with a rate of 3.1 percent in October and 2.3 percent in November, dropped the most with its rate.

The rate for Canada dropped from 10 percent in October to 9.8 percent in November. For Belgium, the rate dropped from 9.8 percent in October to 8.9 percent in November. For West Germany, the rate was 4.9 percent in October and 4.7 percent in November.

Italy had a decrease from 17 percent in October to 16.6 percent in November. For the Netherlands, the decline was from 4.9 percent in October to 4.6 percent in November.

Switzerland had a decline from 6.1 percent in October to 5.8 percent in November. The United Kingdom had a decline from 6.9 percent in October to 6.3 percent in November. For the United States, the decline was from 5.1 percent in October to 4.6 percent in November.

Of the countries reporting increases in their price inflation rates in November, Finland's rate rose the most — from 7.6 percent in October to 8.0 percent in November.

Taipei phone sales cross 2 million

TAIPEI, Feb. 6 (CNA) — Taiwan's telephone exports in 1982 registered a growth of 65 percent to 2.2 million sets compared to the previous year's figure. A substantially higher export target of 3.5 million sets has been projected by local telephone manufacturers for this year.

According to Richard Wu, General manager of Kingtel Telecommunications Corp., a major local producer of the product, market demand for telephone in the United States is skyrocketing, mostly because certain restrictions on the telephone industry have been liberalized by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). "It is a prime time for Taiwan's telephone makers to boost their sales in the American market," he said.

Wu noted that Taiwan's telephone producers should continue to upgrade product quality in order to cope with the keen competition from Japan and the U.S. He estimated that the demand for telephones in the U.S. this year will top 10 million sets, of which cordless telephones will account for 30 percent. He added that one-piece, hands-free and multifunction telephones are also very popular items at present.

Tehran to set up \$1.3b refinery

NICOSIA, Feb. 6 (AP) — Iran has decided to build a new refinery which will be designed, constructed and handled by Iranians, the official Iranian news agency, IRNA, has reported.

The agency quoted Deputy Oil Minister Musa Khayyer as saying the refinery, which would be the country's 8th, will have a capacity of 200,000 barrels a day, and cost \$1.3 billion.

Preliminary surveys have already been completed and a contractor to build the refinery will be selected within six months, and construction completed in five years, it added. The new refinery will be built in Ilam province.

Ghana's cocoa output may touch new low

ACCRA, Feb. 6 (AFP) — Cocoa production by Ghana from the 1983 harvest is unlikely to exceed 200,000 tons, and this will be the worst crop for 37 years, reports said here.

Cocoa is the country's main resource, earning more than half of its foreign currency revenues, and in 1982 the harvest totaled 216,000 tons. In the 1960's Ghana was the world's biggest producer of cocoa, with an output of 500,000 tons a year.

The downturn is due partly to a shortage of jute sacks. However, the Cocoa Marketing Board tried in December to distribute four million sacks bought from Benin and Bangladesh, but producers preferred to export their output illegally to the neighboring countries of the Ivory Coast and Togo.

In 1982 cocoa earned the country \$340 million and the revenue this year should not be lower as prices have risen from 1,000 pounds sterling to 1,200 pounds a ton, although sterling has lost 10 percent of its value.

Sri Lanka's move to woo Gulf investors

ABU DHABI, Feb. 6 (WAM) — The Sri Lankan government is considering a proposal to grant permanent residence or even "distinguished citizenship" to investors from the UAE and other Gulf states in Sri Lanka, the Dubai-based English daily, *Gulf News*, said Sunday.

The newspaper said in terms of the scheme now under preparation the existing 12-month annually renewable residence visa will be converted to a permanent residence visa or even "distinguished citizenship" depending on the volume of investments made in Sri Lanka.

Quoting director-general of the greater Colombo Economic Commission E.P. Paul Peterira, the newspaper said the objective is to give Sri Lanka an edge over other countries in the region in attracting foreign investors.

Mexico rules out hike in oil output

Austria's rate increased from 4.0 percent in October to 4.7 percent in November. The rate for France increased from 9.3 percent in October to 9.4 percent in November. For Norway, the rate increased from 11.3 percent in October to 11.6 percent in November.

The fund said that, in contrast to the reduction in inflation rates for the industrial countries, the 12-month rate of the non-oil developing countries continued to increase, reaching 39.2 percent in October 1982.

In movements of wholesale prices for manufacturers, the U.S. index marked its third straight quarterly rise in the third quarter of 1982, lifting the third quarter index 3.9 percent above its level in the third quarter of 1981.

West German and Dutch relative wholesale prices each increased by 6.2 percent from the third quarter in 1981 to the third quarter 1982. Japanese price competitiveness increased most sharply.

Swiss and West German relative export unit value indices for manufactures increased significantly in the third quarter of 1982 from the same quarter in 1981 — 7.7 percent and 7.5 percent respectively.

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LONDON, Feb. 6 (AFP) — Commodity markets remained on tenterhooks this week because of the continued uncertainty over crude-oil prices and the implications of any price cuts on the banking world.

Also influencing sentiment was the continuing weakness of sterling, which has dropped to a record low against the United States dollar. And the huge U.S. budget deficit conjured up fears of higher U.S. interest rates.

"Mexico is not an island. What takes place in the world markets where it operates affects it and it has to adjust its conduct accordingly," Pemex Director-General Mario Ramon Beteta told reporters.

"Our platform for production as well as for exports will be maintained at the levels that have been fixed, until there are other elements of judgment. For now, we have not taken any decision regarding an increase in our production of crude oil for export," Beteta said.

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Wool-tops in Bradford were quoted at new record levels, while rubber reached a two and a half year high. Elsewhere, cocoa was at a 16-month high, and coffee reached its highest since February last year.

In contrast, gas-oil futures slumped to their lowest since trading started here in April 1981.

Gold: Firm. Prices moved above \$500 an ounce, then advanced to their highest

Weekly commodities

Marts keeping fingers crossed over oil prices

since April 1981 before being trimmed by profit-taking.

Prices were marked down sharply in unison with New York and the Far East before fresh buying developed. Dealers pointed out that the downward trend in oil prices was highlighting fears about the debt problems of Third World oil producers.

Copper: Firm. Prices recorded 34-month peaks despite the 17th successive weekly rise in market stocks (up 7,900 tons to 279,500 tons, the biggest since March 1979). Speculative involvement was such that selling immediately appeared on the slightest hint of any halt to the upward trend.

Tin: Firm. The upward trend continued, supported by a gradual increase in buffer stock buying. The huge offerings in Penang, which heralded the new month and preceded the Chinese New Year, were fully absorbed by the Tin Council's buffer stock, which in turn gave more confidence to the London market.

Lead: Dull. Sluggish trading persisted throughout the week because of the further rise in stocks (up 2,200 tons to a record 133,300 tons). Prices fell back along with zinc after touching their highest since last September.

Zinc: Uncertain. Prices moved up to 12-month highs, following the further fall in stocks (down 675 tons to 91,100 tons). But they gave ground later on profit-taking as European producers cut their selling price by \$50 to \$750/ton.

Silver: Firm. Prices reached their highest since September 1980, boosted as they were by gold's advance. Middle East buying was said to be prominent, as was a large speculative element in Europe. Sharp falls were later produced by heavy profit-taking before the weekend. Market stocks rose again by 150,000 ounce to 36,110,000 ounces, their highest since last November.

Aluminum: Volatile. In continuing heavy trading, prices reached their highest since April 1980 before "falling like a stone". Dealers said that "cheap buying" developed at the lower levels. But prices picked up from the worst in continuing hectic trading.

Nickel: Very steady. Contrary to its recent irregular behavior and ignoring the erratic trend elsewhere, nickel continued to move steadily ahead. It was helped by the 96-ton fall in stocks (the first decline since the beginning of December) to 7,764 tons.

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With deficit set at \$189b

Congress presses for budget revision

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (R) — Only a few days after President Ronald Reagan unveiled his budget for 1984, his aides have been sent back to think again under congressional pressure for major revisions.

Congressmen have made clear that unless the White House offers acceptable defense cuts, new tax initiatives and a significant jobs program, they will do it themselves.

Last Monday, Reagan presented Congress with a \$484.5 billion budget which projects a \$189 billion deficit for the 1984 financial year starting on Oct. 1.

Cabinet officers and chief aides have since spent hours before congressional committees decoding details of the budget, beginning with the deficit, only a little less than the record \$208 billion revenue shortfall estimated for this year.

In three days of testimony, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger refused to give up any of his record \$238.6 billion military spending plan.

Defense is the prime target for cuts, mainly because its budget is due to rise by \$30 billion over this year's spending, an estimated 10 percent on top of inflation.

Spending on social services and other domestic programs would drop five percent

under the Reagan budget, the third successive year of cuts. Both Democrats and Reagan's fellow Republicans, who control the Senate, have focused on this imbalance. The Republicans in particular object to the deficits, which they believe have contributed to high interest rates and delayed economic recovery.

Interest rates have come down recently but less quickly than inflation. Government interest payments on the escalating national debt are expected to go up nearly 10 percent after inflation in 1984 to more than \$100 billion.

The Democrats, buoyed by their strengthened majority in the House of Representatives following November's mid-term elections, have been joined in their calls for defense cuts by Republicans such as Senate majority leader Howard Baker.

Baker, who has privately suggested Weinberger is being too inflexible, wants at least \$1 billion cut from the defense budget, half the projected increase.

Democratic Senator Donald Riegle of Michigan told Weinberger his "truly fanatical insistence on defense increases" was damaging national security and "actually serving the interests of the Soviet Union" a charge the defense secretary rejected as insulting.

Democrats say the U.S. commitment to NATO calls for a three percent rise in defense spending in real terms and that any more would be extravagance.

U.S. says no bowing to truckers' demands

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6 (AFP) — A violence-riddled week-long strike by independent truckers to protest against a U.S. fuel tax increase brought a vow Saturday night from Senate Finance Committee Chairman Senator Robert Dole that "Coopers will not be intimidated."

Meanwhile, prices of products normally transported by independent truckers were rising, and wholesalers warned that the situation could become serious by mid-week if the strike continued.

According to latest figures, one person has been killed and some 50 wounded since Monday in incidents aimed at intimidating non-strikers.

Sixty-seven persons have been arrested across the country, some 1,000 acts of violence have been reported in 37 states, with 360 trucks shot at and hundreds of others having had things thrown at them.

Local authorities in several states have taken measures to counter the strike called by the 30,000-strong independent truckers' union. In several states police presence on highways was reinforced.



Imports may soar by 40.6%

China puts trade gap at \$1.9b

PEKING, Feb. 6 (R) — China expects a \$1.9 billion trade deficit this year as part of plans to boost imports after heavy cutbacks.

Foreign Trade Minister Cheo Muhsu said Sunday.

Mrs. Cheo was quoted in the English-language official weekly newspaper *Beijing Review* as saying imports would soar by 40.6 percent to \$23.9 billion. In 1982 they fell by 12.8 percent to \$17 billion. Exports will grow to \$22 billion, she said. In 1982 they rose by a modest 1.9 percent to \$21.6 billion, according to a recent preliminary official estimate.

Overall trade will increase by \$7.3 billion to \$45.9 billion. Mrs. Chen said. This would be an 18.9 percent rise over the 1982 figure, which was \$38.6 billion, according to the preliminary estimate.

China's total foreign trade fell last year by 4.4 percent compared with 1981, the first drop since 1976. China has been expecting to run into trade deficit in the next few years.

Late last year Premier Zhao Ziyang unveiled a long-overdue 1981-85 five-year plan which provides for faster growth of imports than exports and a 5.1-billion-yuan (\$2.5 billion) deficit in 1985.

Last year's record trade surplus of 4.6 billion led to fast growth in China's foreign exchange reserves, which more than doubled in the 12 months up to last September to \$9.23 billion.

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"We are able to rapidly increase our ability to export these goods," she added.

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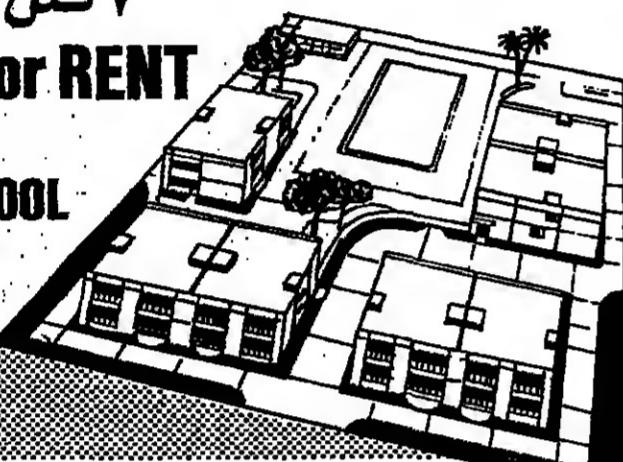
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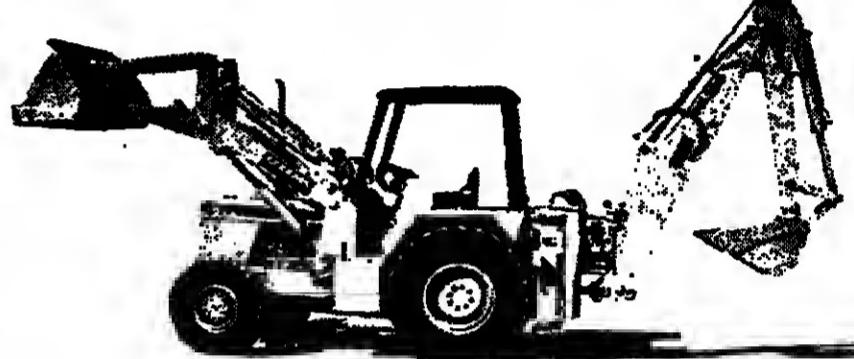
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Exodus from Nigeria continuing

A million more problems for Ghanaian revolution

By Tim Gopall

LONDON (LOS) — The enforced homecoming of more than a million Ghanaians under sentence of expulsion from Nigeria is threatening terrible turmoil for the already hard-pressed revolutionary government of Flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings.

Ghana's economy has run down to near bankruptcy, with chronic shortages of food and consumer goods, a rampant black market and enemies within and without the borders buying for blood. Another million dissatisfied, unemployed and hungry people is the last thing the country needs.

On top of all this, there have been reports of mercenary troops in neighboring Togo, poised to invade. In December the lone government passed to Accra an official report of mercenaries on its territory and Ghanaian forces in the area were mobilized.

Ghana's state radio has attacked the "corrupt and inefficient neo-colonial Nigerian ruling group" for enforcing the expulsion in order to "force the Ghana government to reopen its borders which have been closed for good reasons. Any reopening of the borders will make it possible for saboteurs and counterrevolutionaries to infiltrate the country."

Ghana finally agreed to open the Togo border at the weekend but even if the repatriation of the deportees can be smoothly managed, there will still be terrible problems absorbing them.

Support for Rawlings' 13-month-old revolution is strongest among the urban poor in Accra. The newcomers — the refugees — are different. They had been attracted to Nigeria precisely to avoid what they are now being driven back to — unemployment, hardship and the inability to buy even staple foods at reasonable prices.

Nigeria has given them an attitude likely to close their ears to the kind of appeal for sacrifice that comes from Jerry Rawlings nearly every day.

The government hopes to disperse them, from the transit camp established on the deserted Trade Fair site on the eastern fringe of Accra, to work on construction projects around the country. But the West African extended family system is much more likely to draw them to relatives in the cities.

There is no shortage of forces to capitalize on the chaos that could ensue. The middle classes have suffered under the revolution. Professionals and students have been reviled for their elitism; the traders for *kafabule* —

the all-embracing local term for the black market and profiteering.

Big business, such as it is, is engaged in what can only be described as a strike of capital. Over the last year there has been no private money invested in production. Only the state's limited resources — for tax avoidance has been widespread — are being employed, and much of this money has to go on paying the huge corps of public employees and on subsidizing the cocoa farmers, partly to deter them from smuggling their crop.

The main opponents of the regime are looking to take over from Rawlings, to realize the call for a "national government." Brig. J. Nunoo Mensah, former chief of the defense staff and as such a member of the ruling Provisional National Defense Council (PNDC). Rawlings brought him in as a "respectable" middle-of-the-road influence but he resigned on Nov. 22, the day before the latest attempted coup.

Nunoo Mensah's lengthy resignation letter has become something of a rallying point for opponents of the revolution; so much so that the state-owned press has never printed it, though copies have circulated widely.

Nunoo Mensah is not the only man to have left the PNDC. Of the original seven members, two remain. Two others are in jail. One is in exile in Togo. The remaining leadership, about to contend with the refugees, has little strength for such a daunting challenge.



EXODUS: A group of Ghanaians expelled from Nigeria as "illegal aliens" arriving in Ghana to swell the ranks of unemployed. Illegal aliens were given by Nigeria two weeks to leave the country.

Execution, torture a daily occurrence

Horrors of Vietnam's re-education camps

By William Branigin

choice.

"Everybody raised his hand for them to be killed," Bouasy, 40, recalled. "Nobody wants to stay in jail a long time. It's better to be killed," he added. "and if we voted to send them to another camp, they would be killed anyway."

Bouasy may have been luckier than most. Conditions in his camp do not seem to have been as harsh as those described by other refugees, notably those from Vietnam, and he was freed in January 1981 after serving 5½ years. He fled to Thailand four months later, he said, because of official harassment after his release and fears that he was about to be rearrested.

The same fear motivated Danh Thao, 47, a former lieutenant in the South Vietnamese Army. Interviewed at the Panat Nikom refugee holding center 65 miles east of Bangkok, he said he fled inland across Cambodia to Thailand in June 1981 when authorities discovered he had lied about his

rank on a biography of himself that he was required to write after the fall of South Vietnam in 1975.

Today, 7½ years after the Communist takeovers in South Vietnam and Laos, tens of thousands of people are still in re-education camps, according to refugees and Western diplomats. Although many inmates have been released, they say, authorities continue to replenish their ranks by rounding up new dissidents and old opponents.

Besides the years at hard labor, refugees who were in the camps tell of executions, torture, severe malnutrition, inadequate medical care and bribery to gain release. In addition to former soldiers, the inmates include civil servants, priests, monks, dissident teachers, writers and other civilians, all held without formal charges or trials.

Some refugees complain that the camps have aroused little international interest, despite what they say are human rights violations on a massive scale.

According to a diplomat who visited Hanoi recently, a Western embassy there now estimates that 100,000 people remain in Vietnamese re-education camps. Based on interviews with scores of refugees this year, the U.S. Embassy in Bangkok reckons that more than 40 re-education camps were operating in Vietnam as of last year, with a combined population in excess of 126,000.

The last official figure from Hanoi was issued two years ago, when the government said 20,000 Vietnamese remained in the camps.

At that time, the Vietnamese government told Amnesty International that its policy of re-education was more humane than trials and judicial condemnation, according to the London-based human rights group. It said Hanoi also argued that those still detained were guilty of "national treason" and acts against "public security."

Amnesty International rejected Hanoi's arguments. It charged that many detainees had not been involved in prosecuting the war in Vietnam and that, in the absence of any trial, the system violated what it said was the internationally recognized right of a person to be presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The 1982 annual report declared that "the continuing detention without charge or trial of thousands of members of the former South Vietnamese administration in 're-education' camps remained (Amnesty's) principal concern" in Vietnam. It reiterated a complaint about inadequate medical care in the camps. It also noted an increase in use of the death penalty.

According to one U.S. Embassy official, many releases were reported in 1980, but some refugees subsequently said this was largely to make room for new inmates, particularly those who tried to flee Vietnam or had concealed their identities after 1975. In addition to dissident resistance fighters from the central highlands and common criminals were among the newer prisoners, the official said.

The former prisoners reported two visits to their camps by international organizations that they could not identify. None of the 60 knew of any visit by Amnesty International or the International Committee of the Red Cross. A Red Cross official in Bangkok said that at present "the ICRC is not involved in visiting re-education with the Vietnamese," but that "negotiations" with the Vietnamese government were going on.

According to the U.S. Embassy report, one of the largest camps — described by 10 refugees — is the Tan Hiep camp in Dong Nai province. It was said to hold approximately 6,000 prisoners, mostly former officers up to the rank of colonel.

The refugees said that prisoners accused of "careless talk" or other violations of camp rules frequently are beaten and shackled in metal containers in the sun and without water. The containers, called connex boxes, are about the size of a large refrigerator and were used for shipping U.S. equipment. They were left behind by the thousands.

The camp itself consists of about 25 concrete buildings with tin roofs surrounded by multiple barbed-wire fences and a mine field. The refugees told U.S. Embassy interviewers. They said watch towers at the corners of the camp were manned by guards armed with machine guns and that searchlights were used at night to discourage escape attempts.

The site, near Bien Hoa north of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon), once was used

Fishing boat of future hurdles tests

By Mallika Wamgassundara

COLOMBO (Depthnews) — The 26-foot *SRL II*, a motorized vessel which has been tried out in Sri Lankan waters, could be the fishing boat of the future for many Asian coastal states.

Designed by Oyvind Gulbradsen, the *SRL II* shows much greater fuel efficiency than the 28-foot 3.5 tonners which are now being used in Sri Lanka.

Gulbradsen is a Food and Agriculture Organization consultant working with the Bay of Bengal Program. He is a naval architect and fisheries development expert with many years of boat designing and sailing experience behind him.

In the last two decades, many Sri Lankan fishermen with much government prodding went modern. They forsook the traditional, but clumsy catamarans or outrigger canoes and went after the tin outboard motor. With the mounting fuel costs, however, they now find that the mechanized boats have become a liability.

They have also realized that the old catamarans have age-old efficiencies, improved versions of which can be incorporated into modern fishing boats. Two of the distinct advantages are: they do not gobble up fuel but use wind power; and they are also beachlanders.

Gulbradsen has incorporated these characteristics into *SRL II*. Meanwhile, fishermen have been noticing a steady rise in their operational costs. The consumer who gets the hardest and the last clout down the line has had to pay exorbitant prices for that pound of fish.

Equally important is the fact that the very purpose for which boats were mechanized has been defeated. They were expected to go further but to sell and bring big hauls and provide the consumer with a cheap and plentiful form of protein. It just did not happen that way, as has happened in other parts of the world like Kerala, India.

So the *SRL II* comes as a boon to both fisherman and consumer. It is an alternative to the fuel-guzzling mechanized boats used now in Sri Lanka. These 28-footers with 30 horse-power engines consume around eight gallons of diesel on a six-hour run. The *SRL II* needs only three gallons in the same span.

The *SRL II* has a 12 horse-power air cooled diesel engine. It has also-sails. So when the wind is high, the fishermen can turn off the engine and sail by wind power.

The prototype for the *SRL II* was built by Gulbradsen in Madras, India, the headquarters of the Bay of Bengal Program. It was recently tested in the seas around Negombo, one of Sri Lanka's main fishing grounds.

Gulbradsen says that if the whole of Sri Lanka's fishing fleet had the fuel-efficiency of the *SRL II*, the country would save 6,000 tons of diesel per year.

The *SRL II* can do six knots an hour and this is sufficient, says Gulbradsen. He adds that Sri Lankan fishermen, in fact, travel too fast at seven knots an hour and use up too much fuel. They could do as well at six knots and save some fuel.

One of the biggest advantages of *SRL II* is that it is a beachlander. It does not need fisheries harbors to come back to base. The humble catamaran could nose its way up the beaches through the toughest seas. But not the mechanized boats. But harbors are costly to build and maintain.

The *SRL II* has the complex ability to fight and overcome the furious breakers which blow and lash the shore. It can ride the surf and get home. The boat was found to catch as much fish as the three and a half tonners and is equally seaworthy. It has been tested in both inshore and offshore waters in all types of weather. It stood the test.

In one year's performance, it brought in 11,000 kilos of fish and saved 16,000 rupees (\$1,200) in fuel costs. The prototype built in Madras was in marine plywood. The fiberglass version would cost around 120,000 rupees (\$7,700). The mechanized 28-footers now being used in Sri Lanka cost around 170,000 rupees (\$10,880).

Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Fisheries Aloy Fernando said at a demonstration of the *SRL II* that the wasteful mechanized fishing boats will have to be phased out and more economic craft introduced.

The *SRL II* will be put into commercial production under the West Coast Development Project funded by the Asian Development Bank.



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International

Angered by bigger aid to Turkey

Greece gets tough with U.S. on bases

ATHENS, Feb. 6 (R) — Greece's ruling Socialists, elected 15 months ago in a storm of anti-Western rhetoric, are now getting down to some hard bargaining with the United States over its four military bases here.

For the first time since the start last October of U.S.-Greek talks on the bases' future, both sides are publicly putting their cards on the table — with U.S. military aid to Greece and Turkey emerging as a central issue. On Friday, the Reagan administration outraged Greek public opinion by proposing, for 1984, a sharp increase in military help to Turkey, which Greece views as its only potential aggressor, while keeping aid to Greece at 1983 levels.

U.S. officials said the increase proposed for Turkey, from \$765 million to \$930 million, was intended to cover "long-felt modernization needs." In what was immediately branded as blackmail by many Greek newspapers, an American official said any reconsideration of the \$280 million aid proposal for Greece would depend on the outcome of the bases talks.

He added: "At the moment we see no reason to raise it." Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou voted into power as Greece's first Socialist leader on such slogans as "out with the bases of death" immediately wrote to President Reagan, predicting "unforeseeable consequences" if the military balance in the Aegean was upset.

Warning that the Reagan proposals did not help the climate of the U.S.-Greek talks, he called on Washington to review the aid levels it had proposed for Athens. Earlier this week, Papandreou told his Pasok (Socialist) Party since the bases served neither Greek nor NATO interests, "there must be things in return, serious things, for them to remain for

any length of time."

Papandreou has ruled out what he calls unilateral action in removing the bases but remains committed to securing a timetable for their eventual withdrawal. The bases consist of an air support base adjacent to Athens airport, a communications center near Athens, an electronic surveillance station on the island of Crete, and an anchorage on Crete big enough for the whole U.S. Sixth Fleet.

Informal Greek sources say the military aid demands put to Washington by Athens amount to \$1 billion.

Since 1977, when Washington agreed to give Greece \$700 million and Turkey \$1 billion in military aid over four years, Greek governments have been pressing the U.S. for a commitment that it will keep the 7 to 10 ratio.

An official Greek spokesman made it clear Saturday that "7 to 10" remained a basic Greek demand and added that unlike its Conservative predecessors, the current government wanted all forms of military aid to Turkey, including those designated as economic assistance, taken into account.

On that basis, aid to Greece in 1984 would have to rise to at least \$650 million if the ratio is to be maintained.

Reginald Bartholomew, the ambassador-at-large State Department official who has been conducting the talks at the Greek Foreign Ministry, left Sunday for consultations in Washington. He is expected to convey Greece's demands to Washington and ask how many of them the U.S. would be prepared to meet, before returning to Athens probably on Feb. 18, for what could be the decisive round of the negotiations.

Mozambique appeals for food aid

MAPUTO, Feb. 6 (ONS) Drought and war are causing a serious food shortage in southern Mozambique. The government has appealed for an extra 255,000 tons of international food aid, which would more than double the present amount of aid received.

In the southern half of the country, the fields at this time of year should be green. Instead they are brown and dusty, and contain only a few withered stalks of grain. The rains failed during the planting months of November and December and there will be almost no crop this year. In the farming town of Chockwe, not far from Maputo, only two millimeters of rain fell in those two months — hardly enough to wet the ground. Elsewhere, encouraged by initial rain, farmers planted their fields, then no more rain came.

Matters were made much worse last year because of the attacks by the South African-backed Mozambique National Resistance, which burnt crops in the fields and intimidated peasants to prevent harvesting. Small family grain stores, food lorries and shops were all targets for the MNR.

Not only rain-fed agriculture is affected.

Rivers are at record low levels, restricting irrigation, which means rice production this year will be less than half normal.

The crisis is made much more serious

because it comes after an already bad year,

and farmers have little grain in stock.

In southern Mozambique, rainfall has been well below normal since November 1981. Most

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